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Bettahalasur metro station plan dropped

BENGALURU
The BMRCL has dropped the plan of building a metro station atBettahalasur, which was proposed on the ORR-Airport Namma Metro line. Anjum Parwez, BMRCL MD, told *The Hindu* that the real estate company, Embassy Group, which earlier signed an agreement with the BMRCL to invest on the metro station, has backtracked from the proposal of constructing a metro station at Bettahalasur.
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Moosewala murder mastermind held in U.S., says Punjab CM

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Friday said Canada-based gangster Goldy Brar of the 'Lawrence gang', allegedly involved in the killing of Punjabi singer Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, known as Sidhu Moosewala, has been detained in the U.S.

"California police have detained him [Brar] and they have contacted the Indian government and Punjab police asking whether he should be deported.. We will bring him," Mr. Mann said, to a query at a press meet in Gujarat. "He was the mastermind. Not just Goldy Brar, there are others also, we are in talks at the international level to get them back. Brar was getting his work done through Pakistan. He had people there," the CM said.

Singer Sidhu Moosewala

Moosewala was shot dead in Punjab's Jahawarke village on May 29, a day after his security cover was trimmed. Brar had then claimed responsibility for the killing.

Commenting on Collegium decisions now a 'fashion': SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday said it had become a "fashion" for its former judges to comment on earlier decisions of the Collegium when they were part of it while adding that the top court was the "most transparent institution".

"We do not want to comment on anything said by former members [of the Supreme Court Collegium]... Nowadays it has become a fashion to comment on earlier decisions when they were part of the Collegium," Justice M.R. Shah, leading a Bench, said.

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ISRO scientist frame-up: SC quashes officials' bail

Kerala High Court told to hear case afresh; CBI had challenged the HC relief to former police officers accused of being part of a conspiracy to implicate Nambi Narayanan in espionage case

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday quashed the anticipatory bail granted by the Kerala High Court to former police and Intelligence officers, including retired Kerala Director General of Police Siby Mathews, accused of being part of a conspiracy to frame ISRO scientist Nambi Narayanan in an espionage case in 1994.

A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah remitted the anticipatory bail applications of the accused to the High Court for fresh consideration. The top court directed the High Court Registry to list the case before the High Court Bench concerned within a week from December 2.

> The High Court has neither considered the allegations against the accused nor the role played by them nor the position held by them at the time of registering the FIR in 1994
>
> SUPREME COURT

Nambi Narayanan was given a clean chit by the CBI in the espionage case

The High Court was asked to hear and finally decide the case at the earliest but not outside four weeks' time.

Justice Shah, accompanied by Justice C.T. Ravikumar on the Bench, protected the accused, provided they cooperate with the investigation and without prejudice to the probe agencies, from arrest for the next five weeks till the High Court finally decided their anticipatory bail pleas.

The Bench asked the High Court to decide their pleas without being influenced by the interim arrangement.

The Bench said it has not commented on the merits of the case. It was left to the High Court to pass an appropriate order on the anticipatory bail pleas in accordance with the law after considering the merits. The CBI had challenged the bail given by Kerala HC to the accused including Mr. Mathews, P.S. Jayaprakash, Thampi S. Durga Dutt, Vijayan and R.B. Sreekumar. The CBI, which had appealed the bail in the top court, had claimed the possibility of a "larger conspiracy involving foreign powers" which had stalled the technology to develop the cryogenic engine by decades. The agency had challenged the bail granted to the accused persons at the very "threshold" of its investigation.

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In election year, State set to cut power tariff

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Unit price likely to be reduced between 70 paise and ₹2 per unit from January

In a relief to electricity consumers, including domestic, the Karnataka government on Friday indicated reduction in power tariff from January 2023, ranging from 70 paise to ₹2 per unit.

The proposed cut in tariff is aimed at blunting some of the criticism on rising prices and inflation ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections.

Grievances

A decision to reduce power tariff was taken following grievances from consumers.

The power charges would be reduced in the range of 70 paise to ₹2 per unit, according to Energy Minister V. Sunil Kumar.

Power rates had gone up in Karnataka on October 1, 2022, in the wake of rising coal rates and other costs.

The new tariff would be announced after filing of proposals before the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) by Electricity Supply Companies (Escoms).

Besides household consumers, industrial, commercial, high tension (HT), and low tension (LT) consumers of electricity would also avail the benefit, said Mr. Kumar.

For retaining HT consumers, it was also decided to re-examine the levy of charges (cross-subsidy).

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High Court issues contempt notice to Congress leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Petition alleges violation of an undertaking given to the court over removal of *KGF* songs used to promote party yatra on social media platforms

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered issue of notice to Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh, and Supriya Shrinate on a contempt of court petition for allegedly violating an undertaking given to the court that they would remove copyrighted songs of the film *KGF Chapter 2* to promote the Bharat Jodo Yatra on social media platforms.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order on a contempt petition filed by MRT Music, which owns the copyright for songs in the film.

Undertaking

According to the petition, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi had on November 8 given an undertaking on behalf of the three leaders that they "shall by noon tomorrow i.e., November 9, 2022, endeavour to remove alleged offending material from its Twitter handle and all other forms of social media, and has no intention whatsoever to use the same in future". Another Division Bench, in its November 8 order, had set aside an interim order passed by a commercial court.

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'Learn Tamil' books fly off the shelves here

With Hindi speakers as well as Tamil-origin residents of Varanasi eagerly picking up self-learning books at the exhibition in Banaras Hindu University, where the Kashi Tamil Sangamam is on

Jagriti Chandra
VARANASI

Books on learning to speak, read and write Tamil are the hottest selling books at an exhibition being held at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU), the venue for the ongoing month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam.

The book stall, set up by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) under the Ministry of Education, includes self-learning books in 11 languages under its "Bhasha Jyoti" initiative.

High demand: A stall put up at Banaras Hindu University as part of the Kashi Tamil Sangamam. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"Our books on learning Tamil as a second language are by far the most popular ones. We didn't expect this kind of response," said CIIL Director Shailendra Mohan. "We run out of our stock of books on Tamil every two days, and have to bring more books from our centre in Mysuru. We have sold nearly 500 Tamil learning books since the exhibition opened on November 19. There is a lot of interest from Hindi-speaking customers, as well as from Tamil-origin residents who know how to speak the language, but can't write in it," said Pankaj Dwivedi, Junior Research Fellow at CIIL, who is overseeing the stall.

While purchasing Tamil books, Varanasi resident Varun Mishra, 29, said: "We often travel to southern parts of the country in search of jobs, but we face language-centric conflicts at every turn." Mr. Mishra works at a private bank in Bengaluru.

A moment in the sun or a sign of better times ahead?

Caroline Garcia capped a remarkable 2022, a year in which she rose from No. 74 to No. 4, by claiming the WTA Finals. Can the 29-year-old – once viewed as a future World No. 1 – put a bumpy past behind her and build on the success of a standout season?

CAROLINE GARCIA

Reuters
Agence France-Presse

In the second round of Roland Garros in 2011, a 17-year-old Caroline Garcia had Maria Sharapova on the ropes, leading 6-3, 4-1. Although she could not put the then three-time Major-winner away, Garcia caught the eye. Sharapova thought she was "on her way up, definitely". Andy Murray was even more impressed. "The girl Sharapova is playing is going to be No. 1 one day. Caroline Garcia, what a player, you heard it here first," he tweeted.

That prediction is yet to be realised – the 29-year-old from Lyon has struggled to live up to the lofty expectations. But in 2022, Garcia clawed her way out of a career slump and showed just why she was once so highly rated.

She scored the biggest victory of her career to claim the season-ending WTA Finals last month, only the second French player to win the title after Amelie Mauresmo in 2005. "It's definitely a lot of giant happiness," said Garcia, the last woman standing in an elite field that featured the season's top eight players.

She had also advanced to the last four of a Grand Slam singles event for the first time in her career at the US Open earlier in the year. "My head is buzzing, I can't describe how I feel," she said after beating American prodigy Coco Gauff to make the semifinals.

Add her doubles triumph with Kristina Mladenovic at Roland Garros – her second Grand Slam trophy, having won the same event in 2016 with Mladenovic – and you can see why she described 2022 as the best season of her life. The year marked the culmination of a long road back for Garcia, who had not collected a singles title since 2019.

Having started 2022 at No. 74 and then slipping to No. 79 in May, when she made a return from a foot injury, she ended the season by equalling her career-best ranking of World No. 4. For the second time in her career, she won more than 40 singles matches in a year, as she pocketed four singles titles across all three surfaces: hard (Cincinnati, Finals), grass (Bad Homburg) and clay (Warsaw).

She was especially good between mid-June and mid-September. She won 31 of her 36 matches, which gave her three of her four titles of the season. Over the year, she notched up eight top-10 victories, including a tough three-set conquest of No. 1 Iga Swiatek in Poland. The other Major winners she found a way past in 2022 were Petra Kvitova, Emma Raducanu, Bianca Andreescu (twice) and Simona Halep. She was also credited with a walkover against Elena Rybakina.

> The foot injury [earlier in the year] allowed me to play more liberated. I learned to let go

Clarity of thought and a renewed trust in an attacking style have lifted Garcia back to the top. She said she experienced a critical epiphany at Bad Homburg in June, where she was down a set to Aliaksandra Sasnovich in the opening round and said to herself, "You have to go for it."

"You miss, you miss, but you have to do something. I was practising to be aggressive, to move forward, but I had some issues doing it in matches, and that's where it changed, really, in the second set of that first round. I went for it. I didn't know if it was going to work, but I believed."

Garcia has the tools to implement an aggressive style and keep the points short. A powerful serve – she uses her athletic 5'10" frame to excellent effect – and expertise at the net, developed in doubles, allow her to step into the court whenever an opening presents itself.

"When I arrived on tour, I was definitely playing like that," Garcia said. "My game style is to definitely go on the shorter rallies, so try to put pressure on the serve and the return. That's the way I learned to play tennis. Tennis played forward is what I like."

But a high-risk-high-reward approach demands fearlessness and an acceptance of errors, something she used to have trouble with. "Sometimes I did doubt it, because it was not always working," she said. "And then I did it kind of half and half, and it was not working anymore."

The foot injury earlier in the year liberated her, helping her achieve the fearlessness required. "My foot injury made me realise how much I wanted to come back and, above all, play my real game, the one I like to watch: offensive tennis," Garcia wrote on social media after her WTA Finals triumph. "I love going to the net, hitting winners, drop volleys, slamming aces, to be inside the courts on the return. This injury allowed me to play more liberated. I learned to let go."

Garcia's coach, Bertrand Perret, also helped her make peace with errors. "She's such a perfectionist girl," he told L'Equipe. "It was a blast to work with her, but she's maybe even too perfectionist. She didn't accept making mistakes. With her risky game, if you don't accept making mistakes, you get frustrated. Caroline needed to accept making mistakes."

In perhaps the only real low of the season for Garcia, Perret quit her coaching team ahead of the Finals. Garcia said Perret's departure came as a surprise but didn't provide any details. At the Finals, she worked with Argentine Juan Pablo Guzman, with whom she had collaborated previously. It bodes well that she put together such a strong performance in the season finale, but the effect of Perret's exit, if any, will only be known over the next year.

A singles Grand Slam title, the No. 1 ranking and a medal in her home Olympics in 2024 are on her wishlist. There is no doubt that Garcia's best version – a disruptive, attacking style, backed up by a warrior's mindset, which was evident in her epic win over Daria Kasatkina in the Finals – can beat anybody, on any surface, on any stage. But it remains to be seen whether she can continue to call upon it as consistently as she did this year. Although determined to stay in the moment and enjoy her success, Garcia will hope 2022 is the start of something even bigger.

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STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,820	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	6,020	14
3	Casper Ruud	23	5,820	23
4	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,550	23
5	Novak Djokovic	35	4,820	14
6	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	4,195	26
7	Daniil Medvedev	26	4,065	21
8	Andrey Rublev	25	3,930	23
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,355	22
10	Hubert Hurkacz	25	2,905	21
11	Holger Rune	19	2,888	27
12	Alexander Zverev	25	2,700	18
13	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,495	24
14	Cameron Norrie	27	2,445	23
15	Jannik Sinner	21	2,410	18

Top Indians ▶

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 341 ▲ 12 spots

Prajnesh Gunneswaran
Rank 349 ▼ 2 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	11,085	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,055	18
3	Jessica Pegula	28	4,691	18
4	Caroline Garcia	29	4,375	23
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,925	21
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,871	22
7	Coco Gauff	18	3,646	19
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,435	23
9	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,795	20
10	Simona Halep	31	2,661	15
11	Madison Keys	27	2,417	20
12	Belinda Bencic	25	2,365	19
13	Paula Badosa	25	2,363	21
14	Danielle Collins	28	2,287	13
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,215	24

Top Indians ▶

Karman Thandi
Rank 228 ▼ 4 spots

Ankita Raina
Rank 295 ▲ 7 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	14	12	1	1	33	11	22	37
2	Man. City	14	10	2	2	40	14	26	32
3	Newcastle	15	8	6	1	29	11	18	30
4	Tottenham	15	9	2	4	31	21	10	29
5	Man. United	14	8	2	4	20	20	0	26
6	Liverpool	14	6	4	4	28	17	11	22
7	Brighton	14	6	3	5	23	19	4	21
8	Chelsea	14	6	3	5	17	17	0	21
9	Fulham	15	5	4	6	24	26	-2	19
10	Brentford	15	4	7	4	23	25	-2	19
11	Crystal Palace	14	5	4	5	15	18	-3	19
12	Aston Villa	15	5	3	7	16	22	-6	18
13	Leicester City	15	5	2	8	25	25	0	17
14	Bournemouth	15	4	4	7	18	32	-14	16
15	Leeds United	14	4	3	7	22	26	-4	15
16	West Ham	15	4	2	9	12	17	-5	14
17	Everton	15	3	5	7	11	17	-6	14
18	Nottingham	15	3	4	8	11	30	-19	13
19	Southampton	15	3	3	9	13	27	-14	12
20	Wolves	15	2	4	9	8	24	-16	10

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	14	12	1	1	33	5	28	37
2	Real Madrid	14	11	2	1	33	14	19	35
3	Real Sociedad	14	8	2	4	19	17	2	26
4	Athletic Bilbao	14	7	3	4	24	14	10	24
5	Atletico Madrid	14	7	3	4	21	14	7	24
6	Real Betis	14	7	3	4	17	12	5	24
7	Osasuna	14	7	2	5	16	14	2	23
8	Rayo Vallecano	14	6	4	4	20	16	4	22
9	Villarreal	14	6	3	5	15	10	5	21
10	Valencia	14	5	4	5	22	15	7	19
11	Real Mallorca	14	5	4	5	13	13	0	19
12	Real Valladolid	14	5	2	7	13	21	-8	17
13	Girona	14	4	4	6	20	22	-2	16
14	Almeria	14	5	1	8	16	22	-6	16
15	Getafe	14	3	5	6	12	20	-8	14
16	Espanyol	14	2	6	6	16	22	-6	12
17	Celta Vigo	14	3	3	8	14	26	-12	12
18	Sevilla	14	2	5	7	13	22	-9	11
19	Cadiz	14	2	5	7	9	26	-17	11
20	Elche	14	0	4	10	10	31	-21	4

Italian Serie A Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	15	13	2	0	37	12	25	41
2	AC Milan	15	10	3	2	29	15	14	33
3	Juventus	15	9	4	2	24	7	17	31
4	Lazio	15	9	3	3	26	11	15	30
5	Inter Milan	15	10	0	5	34	22	12	30
6	Atalanta	15	8	3	4	22	15	7	27
7	Roma	15	8	3	4	18	14	4	27
8	Udinese	15	6	6	3	24	17	7	24
9	Torino	15	6	3	6	16	17	-1	21
10	Fiorentina	15	5	4	6	18	20	-2	19
11	Bologna	15	5	4	6	20	25	-5	19
12	Salernitana	15	4	5	6	19	24	-5	17
13	Empoli	15	4	5	6	12	19	-7	17
14	Monza	15	5	1	9	16	22	-6	16
15	Sassuolo	15	4	4	7	15	22	-7	16
16	Lecce	15	3	6	6	14	17	-3	15
17	Spezia	15	3	4	8	14	26	-12	13
18	Cremonese	15	0	7	8	11	26	-15	7
19	Sampdoria	15	1	3	11	6	27	-21	6
20	Verona	15	1	2	12	12	29	-17	5

German Bundesliga Standings

#	TEAM	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	15	10	4	1	49	13	36	34
2	SC Freiburg	15	9	3	3	25	17	8	30
3	RB Leipzig	15	8	4	3	30	21	9	28
4	Eintracht	15	8	3	4	32	24	8	27
5	Union Berlin	15	8	3	4	24	20	4	27
6	Dortmund	15	8	1	6	25	21	4	25
7	Wolfsburg	15	6	5	4	24	20	4	23
8	M'gladbach	15	6	4	5	28	24	4	22
9	Werder	15	6	3	6	25	27	-2	21
10	Mainz	15	5	4	6	19	24	-5	19
11	Hoffenheim	15	5	3	7	22	22	0	18
12	Leverkusen	15	5	3	7	25	26	-1	18
13	Cologne	15	4	5	6	21	29	-8	17
14	FC Augsburg	15	4	3	8	18	26	-8	15
15	Hertha Berlin	15	3	5	7	19	22	-3	14
16	Stuttgart	15	3	5	7	18	27	-9	14
17	Bochum	15	4	1	10	14	36	-22	13
18	Schalke	15	2	3	10	13	32	-19	9

Test Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
3	R. van der Dussen	766	796
4	Quinton de Kock	759	813
5	David Warner	747	880
6	Steve Smith	719	752
7	Jonny Bairstow	710	796
8	Virat Kohli	707	911
9	Rohit Sharma	704	885
10	Kane Williamson	701	799

ODI Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Trent Boult	760	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	727	733
3	Mitchell Starc	665	783
4	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
5	Matt Henry	656	691
6	Adam Zampa	655	655
7	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	650	712
9	Mustafizur Rahman	640	695
10	Rashid Khan	635	806

T20I Batting

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Suryakumar Yadav	890	895
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Devon Conway	788	831
4	Babar Azam	778	896
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Glenn Phillips	699	703
8	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Pathum Nissanka	673	698

T20I Bowling

#	PLAYER	RATING	CAREER BEST
1	Wanindu Hasaranga	704	797
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3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
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Plan for metro station at Bettahalasur dropped

Real estate firm backs out of project; BMRCL is proposing to add two stations on airport line — one at Chikkajala and the other at Jakkur Plantation

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Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has dropped the plan of building a metro station at Bettahalasur, which was proposed on the ORR-Airport Namma Metro line.

Anjum Parwez, Managing Director (MD), BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that the real estate company, Embassy Group, which earlier signed an agreement with BMRCL to invest on the metro station, has backtracked from the proposal of constructing a metro station at Bettahalasur.

A view of the ongoing metro work on Ballari Road in Bengaluru. SUDHAKARA JAIN

As per the previous plan, the Bettahalasur metro station was proposed between Bagalur Cross and Doddajala stations on National Highway (44), which connect the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA). The real estate company had proposed to construct the station under innovative financing. In 2020, through an MoU, it had also reached an understanding with the BMRCL on using certain space of the station for commercial purposes and others.

As per the original plan, no station was proposed at Bettahalasur. It was only added after the firm had shown interest. As the company has dropped the plan now, there will be no station at this point.

Mr. Parwez said, "The Embassy Group has communicated to us that they have dropped the plan of constructing the metro station. In the wake of the development, there will be no station. Construction of the viaduct via Bettahalasur as per the alignment plans will be carried out."

Meanwhile, BMRCL is proposing to add two stations on the line - one at Chikkajala and the other at Jakkur Plantation. The official said, "At Chikkajala, there have been demands from the local residents and the elected representatives cutting across party lines to build a station for the benefit of the local people. Over the years, many residential and other business establishments have come up in the area. The proposed metro station will be connected with the roads that link rural areas. Considering various factors, the proposal was mooted. The High Power Committee has given its consent and the proposal will be forwarded to the State government for final approval."

At Jakkur Plantation, two firms have shown interest to invest in construction of the station. "Nothing can be said at this juncture about building one at Jakkur Plantation as it is in the very early stage of proposal," Mr. Parwez added.

Under phase II A & B, BMRCL is building a 55-km metro line. The MD said that the construction works are going on in full swing barring a few stretches; while between Hebbal and Trumpet, the construction is going on at a good pace except for a few stretches, near Chikkajala, work has been stalled to accommodate the proposal.

He added that the Indian Air Force has permitted BMRCL to carry out the work near the Air Force station.

Embassy Group refused to comment when *The Hindu* reached out seeking its response.

Stations on ORR-Airport metro line

- Central Silk Board
- HSR Layout
- Agara
- Iblur
- Bellandur
- Kadubeesanahalli
- Kodibeesanahalli
- Marathahalli
- ISRO
- Doddanekundi
- DRDO Sports Complex
- Saraswathi Nagar
- K.R.Puram
- Benniganahalli
- Kasturinagar
- Horamavu
- HRBR Layout
- Kalyan Nagar
- HBR Layout
- Nagawara
- Veeranna Palya
- Kempapura
- Hebbal
- Kodigehalli
- Jakkur Cross
- Jakkur Plantation (proposed addition)
- Yelahanka
- Chikkajala (proposed addition)
- Bagalur Cross
- Bettahalasur (deletion)
- Doddajala
- Airport City
- KIA Terminal

Leopards elude Forest Dept.'s traps

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The two leopards, which are on the prowl on the outskirts of the city, have been eluding the traps set by the Forest Department.

The leopard, which had killed a spotted deer in Turahalli State Forest Area on November 31, has not been spotted for the last two days. Forest Department officials said that the big cat might have further gone deep into the forest after attacking its prey.

"The total area of the Turahalli State Forest is 519 acres, the Turahalli Minor Forest is 579 acres, and the spot where the deer carcass was found is about 6 km away from the Bannerghatta National Park. So, the leopard might have gone into the forest and it is very difficult to spot the animal in such a large area," said Ravishankar S.S., Deputy Conservator of Forest, Bengaluru Urban Division.

Mr. Ravishankar added that the search for the elusive animal would continue for one more week and urged the residents of the locality to be vigilant. There were also rumours that a food delivery agent was attacked by a leopard. However, this was refuted by the officials.

The other leopard, which had been spotted near Chikkajala on Kempegowda International Airport Road, has also remained elusive to the traps set up by the department near the ITC Factory.

Mr. Ravishankar said that CCTV visuals have captured the movements of the leopard a couple of days ago, but since then, it has not been spotted.

Meanwhile, another incident of a leopard attacking a cow has been reported in Chennapura village near Nandi Hills.

The farming community is worried about the presence of the big cat in the vicinity.

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Echoes of Kolkata in El Gran Derbi

The Grand Derby of Seville between Real Betis and Sevilla shares uncanny similarities with the Boro Match between East Bengal and Mohun Bagan

Amitabha Das Sharma

One of the biggest expressions of passion in football is revealed in a derby, which is like a frenzied version of the Oscars ceremony, captivating the audience with its grandness of occasion. The common thread running through all such rivalries is the intensity of love (for your club) and hatred (for the other). It hardly matters which part of the world one witnesses a derby in, the eruption of emotions of rival supporters provides the incendiary for an explosive contest, both on and off the pitch. This dynamic separates derbies from other football matches.

A visit to Seville, Spain's Andalusian capital, to watch the LaLiga clash between Real Betis Balompie and Sevilla FC, acquaints one with the familiar notes of derby fervour. The picturesque setting – the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria of the See, the Alcazar Palace and the Plaza de Espana add lustre to Seville's resplendent past – creates a dramatic aura.

A clear split in the loyalties of the residents of the ancient city is evident as they brace for the contest, suspending all other activities. The rivalry is framed against a rich historical and cultural backdrop. Real Betis, based at Estadio Benito Villamarin, draws its support primarily from the working class of the Heliopolis region, while Sevilla, which has its home in Estadio Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan, has its support base in the richer Nervion district of Seville.

A sociological comparison can be drawn to the century-old conflict between the giants of Kolkata – (ATK) Mohun Bagan and (Emami) East Bengal. Mohun Bagan represents the native population of the city prior to the partition of the country, while East Bengal is the voice of the people forced to emigrate to India post partition and Independence. There is an uncanny similarity in the passion generated in both the Seville Derby (also called 'El Gran Derbi' or The Grand Derby) and the Kolkata Derby, which is also known as the 'Boro Match' (the big match).

For the football pilgrim seeking to experience a great rivalry, a visit to Seville will serve the purpose, much like a trip to Kolkata will. In both Seville and Kolkata, the northern part of the city cheers for one team (Sevilla, Mohun Bagan) and the southern part roots for the other (East Bengal, Real Betis).

> The hatchet is never buried in a derby. But the players should not get carried away
>
> **MANUEL PELLEGRINI**
> Real Betis coach

The likeness extends further to the fact that Sevilla and Mohun Bagan were established within six months of each other. Sevilla was formed in January 1890 and Mohun Bagan was founded in August 1889. The history of both clubs, moreover, has an English flavour. The Spanish club owes its evolution to the efforts of British settlers whereas the Indian club became notable for its victory over East Yorkshire Regiment in the 1911 IFA Shield final, making it the first all-Indian team to win a major title over a British side.

Furthermore, the birth of the respective opponents that engendered the derby rivalry was triggered by incidents involving the original clubs. Real Betis emerged from a rift within Sevilla while the origin of East Bengal was caused by a conflict inside Kolkata club Jorabagan ahead of a match against Mohun Bagan. The founders of both younger clubs sought to have their own identity, sowing the seeds of rivalries that have endured for more than 100 years.

An Indian football fan, especially a Kolkatan, will easily relate to the sights and sounds of El Gran Derbi. Last month, the city saw a riot of green and white as the 'verdiblancos' geared up to cheer for Real Betis at Benito Villamarin, which hosted the season's first derby. The Sevilla supporters, understandably outnumbered, were waiting, no doubt, for their home game.

> In a derby, the feeling in the stands is what we have to translate onto the pitch
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> **JORGE SAMPAOLI**
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This is where Kolkata differs, as both Mohun Bagan and East Bengal share the Salt Lake Stadium as their home ground for derby clashes. Both Kolkata clubs have their own grounds but these don't have the capacity to accommodate both sets of fans in the derby, which sees an attendance of around 70,000, much like the Seville Derby.

There are times when vocal cords take a back seat and the ultras of both sides let off steam in a show of violence. The histories of all derbies across the world contain dark days of violence. But the seamy side of the rivalries, which breaks to the surface every now and again, cedes space – if policed well – to celebration. The stadiums become a cauldron of simmering hope. The magnificent chorus of singing, chanting and roaring drives the players to leave it all out on the pitch as they attempt to uphold the faith of the fans who persistently keep the tempo up.

Indeed, it is the undying faith and support of the fans of the two sides of the Andalusian capital that keep the two clubs going amid economic hardship.

"When you buy a car, you buy it according to your budget. The LaLiga giants like Real Madrid and Barcelona have a budget four times higher than us but we are performing well with a lower budget. We deserve credit for that," says Antonio Cordon, sports director of Real Betis, which is sixth in the league.

Similar hope can be detected in the words of Sevilla FC vice-president Jose Maria del Nido Carrasco, who spoke about how the club managed to rebound from a state of bankruptcy and is now looking at a bright future while planning strategic alliances, one of which is the five-year partnership with former Indian Super League champion Bengaluru FC.

(The writer was in Seville at the invitation of LaLiga)

GAME THEORY

The fastest women in water

We take a look at the world record marks set in long course (50m) swimming pools. Sarah Sjostrom, with four world records across two strokes, and Katie Ledecky and Katinka Hosszu, with two each, are the elite of the elite in the individual events

Sarah Sjostrom

Katie Ledecky

Katinka Hosszu

Event	Time	Name	Nationality	Date
50m freestyle	23.67	Sarah Sjostrom	Sweden	29 July 2017
100m freestyle	51.71	Sarah Sjostrom	Sweden	23 July 2017
200m freestyle	1:52.98	Federica Pellegrini	Italy	29 July 2009
400m freestyle	3:56.40	Ariarne Titmus	Australia	22 May 2022
800m freestyle	8:04.79	Katie Ledecky	USA	12 August 2016
1500m freestyle	15:20.48	Katie Ledecky	USA	16 May 2018
50m backstroke	26.98	Liu Xiang	China	21 August 2018
100m backstroke	57.45	Kaylee McKeown	Australia	13 June 2021
200m backstroke	2:03.35	Regan Smith	USA	26 July 2019
50m breaststroke	29.30	Benedetta Pilato	Italy	22 May 2021
100m breaststroke	1:04.13	Lilly King	USA	25 July 2017
200m breaststroke	2:18.95	Tatjana Schoen-maker	South Af-rica	30 July 2021
50m butterfly	24.43	Sarah Sjostrom	Sweden	5 July 2014
100m butterfly	55.48	Sarah Sjostrom	Sweden	7 August 2016
200m butterfly	2:01.81	Liu Zige	China	21 October 2009
200m individual medley	2:06.12	Katinka Hosszu	Hungary	3 August 2015
400m individual medley	4:26.36	Katinka Hosszu	Hungary	6 August 2016
4×100m freestyle relay	3:29.69	Bronte Campbell, Meg Harris, Emma McKeon, Cate Campbell	Australia	25 July 2021
4×200m freestyle relay	7:39.29	Madison Wilson, Kiah Melverton, Mollie O'Callaghan, Ariarne Titmus	Australia	31 July 2022
4×100m medley relay	3:50.40	Regan Smith. Lil-ly King, Kelsi Dahl-ia, Simone Manuel	USA	28 July 2019

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Riding monsters

Praia do Norte in Nazare attracts the world's bravest surfers, for it is home to the largest surfable waves on the planet.

Big-wave hunters have flocked to the Portuguese seaside town since 2011, when Hawaiian Garrett McNamara rode a monster measured at 23.77m (78ft) — a feat that was recognised by the Guinness World Records.

The mark has since been bettered by Brazilian Rodrigo Koxa (24.38m; 80ft) and German Sebastian Steudtner (26.2m;86ft), further enhancing Nazare's reputation as a 'big-wave Disneyland'.

In October 2020, Portuguese teenager Antonio Laureano claimed that he had achieved the mythical 100ft mark. An oceanographer from the University of Lisbon measured the wave at 101.4ft. NASA later released satellite images of a mammoth wave taken on the same day.

But no World Surf League officials were present on the day and Laureano's claim hasn't been verified.

Giant waves typically form when water shifts from very deep to very shallow over a short distance — Praia do Norte's high-breakers are a consequence of the vast underwater Nazare canyon, which reportedly increases and converges the incoming ocean swell.

High Court calls for easing movement of ambulances

State told to share the dedicated phone numbers of emergency response centre, set up by the Bengaluru Traffic Police, with all hospitals and operators of private ambulance services

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the State government to share the dedicated phone numbers of emergency response centre, set up by the city traffic police to ease movement of ambulances, with all the private and government hospitals, and the operators of private ambulance services.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi issued the direction during the hearing on a PIL petition filed

by Bharat Punarothana Trust, Bengaluru.

The Bench issued the direction to share the phone numbers when it was brought to its notice that the traffic police, in response to earlier suggestion made by the court in 2020 for evolving a simple solution to ease movement

Seek contact numbers of operators to ensure that the facility is not missed, says court

of ambulances, had set up emergency response centre to assist movement of ambulances. When the ambulance operators contact the centre through the dedicated phone numbers, the traffic police ensure hassle-free movement for ambulances to pick up patients and drop them to designated hospitals in cases of emergencies, the Bench was informed.

The Bench also asked the authorities to seek the contact telephone numbers of operators to ensure that the facility is not missed.

No bids

Meanwhile, the government told the Bench that no bids were received for the tender floated for hi-tech ambulance service and management, and a fresh tender would be floated within 15 days.

Following this, the Bench asked to expedite the process of inviting fresh tender without waiting for 15 days while adjourning further hearing on the petition.

Boys who were electrocuted critical

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The condition of two boys who sustained severe burns after they came in contact with a high-tension power line, is extremely critical and chances of their survival are slim, sources in Victoria Hospital said. Chandran, 13, and Supreeth, 11, had tried to catch pigeons which were on a high-tension power line using an iron rod from the terrace of a building below the power line on Thursday evening, and were electrocuted.

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Terrain matters when you build

Architecture which keeps in mind the ecology is the way ahead for a safe and sustainable future for the world we live in.

By Sathya Prakash Varanashi

GREENSENSE

How many of us common people consider climate as a critical factor for survival?

Climate change has been among the major issues globally discussed during the last 25 years, roughly when IPCC or Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change reports, CoP or the Conference of Parties (conclave of world leaders and experts) and green buildings' movements began. The most recent CoP held at Egypt also continued with dismal performances and promises.

The construction industry contributes up to one-third of GHG or greenhouse gases, which cause global warming, hence the climate change.

One bag of cement generates up to 10 bags of waste, causes around 7% of GHG, and together with steel emits up to 15% GHG. These two with 4 more products viz. glass, aluminium, plastics and chemical paints form the 6 construction materials lethal to Mother Nature, yet are widely used.

Many people today are aware of these implications, yet are not aware of actions and solutions in design, architecture and building industry. This essay lists a few ideas that can be implemented.

Regional design approaches

Design typologies around the site would have evolved from the context, hence from nature.

Not that there were no problems in historic designs, but they were resolved as ideas progressed and buildings were time-tested for performances and efficiency. Ignoring the past, and blindly following modernity is a tragedy of our times.

Site-specific plans

Travel around our state or country, modern buildings are looking alike with no respect for context. How can the same plan be equally effective in Mangaluru and Meghalaya? Ecological buildings have to be local without any exception. Land gradients, orientations, soil types, water matters, wind flow, solar heat and such others have to decide the design, not we people.

Contextual construction materials

Every material is available everywhere today, of course at the cost of nature due to transport, wastage and mismatch with local climate.

Traditional buildings with local materials had low embodied energy, least cost, ease of building, climate conformity and available skill-sets.

Building with ecology in mind. SATHYA PRAKASH VARANASHI

Minimise manufactured materials

Technology has enabled mass production of a few materials, achieving lower costs. Coupled with ease of transport, they are dominating the construction industry.

Globalisation introduced branded goods from abroad, further harming the idea of energy efficiency in construction.

Most of these materials have created a new image or the imported new images have demanded such manufactured materials, together making buildings an enemy of nature. Produced goods have to perish one day while natural ones stay on.

Land gradient, orientation, soil type, water matters, wind flow, solar heat and such other issues have to decide the design of a structure, not we people, as buildings have to last for a long period

Recyclability

Nature lives on regeneration of plants, life cycle of animals, repetition of seasons and essentially speaking returning to earth periodically. Unfortunately, our manufactured construction materials follow none of these rules.

Cities are witnessing increasing demolition of buildings, with landfill as the main mode of disposal, though the debris is a valuable reuse material.

However, building with construction waste is easier said than done mainly because the present approach does not consider it as a possibility at all.

Varied plan typologies

Among the major myths about eco-friendly buildings is the notion that using natural wall materials achieves it all. Yes, it helps a lot, but in totality eco-designs have to start with the plan itself. Our elders mostly drew square or rectangular plans, sub-divided them into smaller rectangles, calling each one as a room.

Similar approach

Be it a house or a school similar approach was adopted, with corridors or courtyards inserted as needed, yet most such plans were functional.

But nowadays, too many rigid plans are being drawn up, making the building a box, which cannot necessarily be ecological.

Right path

Ecological architecture as a theme is picking up in a few cities, but far and few.

Presently more visible in residential, recreational and a few institutional projects, it surely is a path towards a safer and sustainable future.

(The author is an architect working on eco-friendly designs and can be contacted at varanashi@gmail.com)

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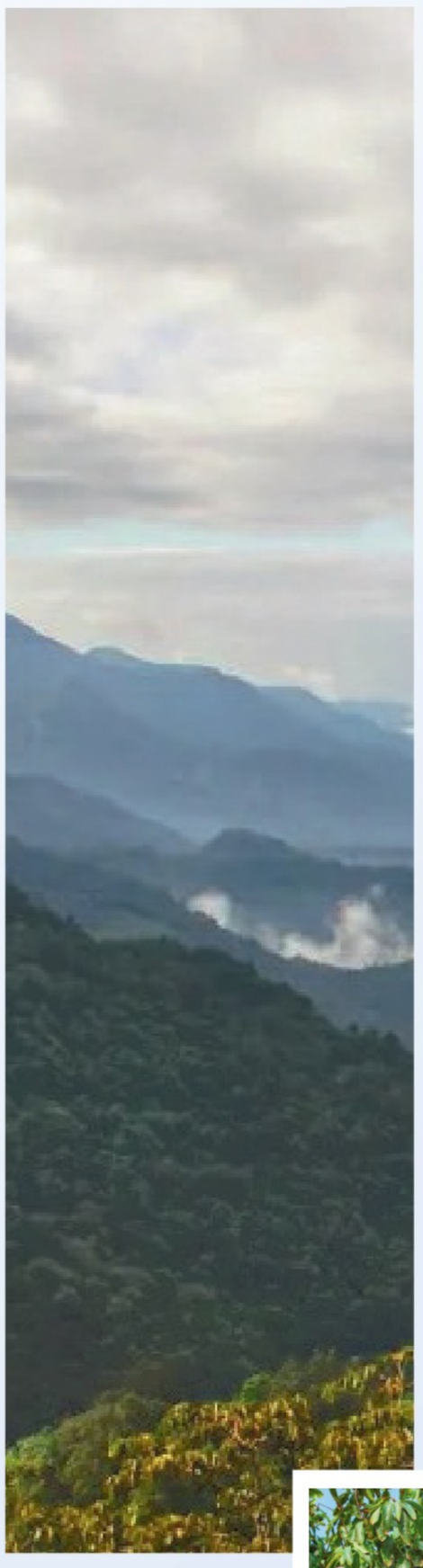

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No assessment of learning gap, no survey of school dropouts for children with disabilities

Experts say lack of online class infrastructure and other factors resulted in most children forgetting learning skills

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The COVID-19 pandemic affected children with special needs (CWSN) drastically, with many having been left out of the formal education system as large-scale changes were brought in to the way schools functioned. However, the government has neither conducted any assessment on the learning gap these children suffered nor has there been a survey on any dropouts.

The Department of School Education and Literacy conducted a learning gap assessment randomly for all school children. According to this, there was a learning backwardness in all the students in the State. The department then implemented the 'Kalika Chetarike' programme to cover the learning gap.

According to educationists, it is difficult to hold the attention of some of the children in a virtual class. FILE PHOTO

Schools confirm

However, post-COVID, some schools have confirmed that students had dropped out. For example, according to sources, seven students of class X from Shree Balagangadharanatha Swami Boarding School for Visual Impaired, Ramanagaram, left the school this year. The management tried to convince the parents, but in vain.

Leelavathi, in charge headmistress of the school, said, "During the post-COVID period, streamlining the students with special needs into the current education system was very challenging. School dropouts have also increased. We tried to convince the parents to send the children to the school, but they did not." Most of the school dropouts in the institution were from North Karnataka, she added.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, an officer of the Department of Women and Child Development and Disabled and Senior Citizens Empowerment said, "COVID-19 has affected children with disabilities in a big way. Lack of online class infrastructure and other factors resulted in most children forgetting learning skills. The attention span among such children differs, and it is difficult to hold the attention of some of these children in a virtual class. For the sake of the education of children with special needs, the government should assess these children's post-COVID education activities and conduct a survey of school dropouts."

Inclusive education

Meanwhile, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka (SSK), with various interventions, support, convergence from various organisations, is supporting inclusive education for the CWSN in the State. According to the data shared by SSK, there are 89,752 CWSN students, including 51,281 boys and 38,471 girls, studying in various grades in State schools. The highest number of CWSN students are those with locomotor disability – 17,603.

B.B. Kaveri, State Project Director for SSK, said, "CWSN are provided transport allowance and escort allowance to visit these centres. All CWSN girls are provided stipend on a monthly basis, and children with visual impairment are provided readers' allowance to get the support of a helper to read and learn. These centres are being strengthened in phased manner.

Awareness drive

Ahead of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the Association of People with Disability holding a programme in Lalbagh on Friday. During the event, participants stressed the need for an inclusive society. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Woman harassed in apartment complex

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A woman has lodged a complaint of sexual harassment against an unidentified individual in her apartment complex in Konanakunte Cross.

On Thursday, someone rang her doorbell and before she could open the door, they slipped in a letter through the door and fled.

The letter had a vulgar message asking her if she would sleep with him and said he would pay for it.

The woman then complained to the apartment association and lodged a complaint with the police. The police suspect someone who is disgruntled with the victim in the apartment may have done it and are now analysing CCTV footage to identify the person.

One arrested, gold recovered

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The West Division police have arrested a burglar who had recently taken to selling sweet corn in a push cart in residential areas as a cover to mark locked houses, which he later broke into.

The arrested has been identified as Manjunath alias Murthy.

The police have recovered ₹6.5 lakh worth 131 grams of gold ornaments and other valuables from him and have claimed to have cracked 20 recent house burglary cases in the West Division.

House burglary

The police, probing a recent house burglary in Magadi Road Police limits, analysed footage from over 50 CCTV cameras in the area and zeroed in on the accused.

All universities must start at least one PG online course by March

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has ordered all universities to compulsorily start at least one postgraduate (PG) online course before March 2023.

All universities must apply for digital learning and online course to the University Grants Commission (UGC) and register them in the Academic Bank of Credit before December end, V. Rashmi Mahesh, Principal Secretary for High Education said in the order.

As a part of good governance and transparency in the universities' administration, the government has decided to live stream academic council, finance committee and syndicate meetings through social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and university website compulsorily. Universities have also been instructed to upload all the information on their websites by December 10. This is applicable to affiliate and constituent colleges also. The government has also made faculty performance appraisal and conducting pension adalat, creating alumni portal, organising outreach programmes for the top five highest enrolment courses in every university compulsory.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that our clients **(1) Mr. VINOD KUMAR HIREMATH (2) Mrs. MAMATA. A.K intend to purchase** all that piece and parcel of the residential vacant Site **bearing No.1258, Present BBMP Khata No. 821/819/1258,** Old PID No.819/1258, Old Byatarayanapura CMC Khata No.819, situated in **Dr.SHIVARAM KARANTH NAGAR (A layout developed by Ministry of Communications Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Limited) SRIRAMPURA Village,** Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk (erstwhile Bangalore North Taluk) Bangalore, under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore measuring **East to West 40 feet, North to South 60 feet,** in all totally measuring **2400 Square feet** and bounded on;

East by : Property No.1257;
West by : Property No.1259;
North by : Property No.889;
South by : Road;

from its present Owners **(1) Mr. SAYEED SHARIFF & (2) Mrs. ASRA BANO,** who have acquired the same by a registered Sale Deed dated 28/08/2007, registered as document No.BYP-1-01779/2007-08, Book-1, CD No.BYPD6, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru. And in that regard our clients have entered into a **Agreement of Sale dated 30/11/2022** for purchase of the said property.

Person/s having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence **within 15 days** from this day to the under mentioned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived off.

NAGARJUN N,
Advocate, SNN Associates,
No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 1st Block, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru - 560043, M : +91-9986301252

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It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Smt.Chowdamma** W/o late Chandrappa and her children **Smt.C.Kavitha Kumari, Smt.C.Veena Kumari and Sri.C.Sridhar,** residing in the Schedule property.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for this sale transaction, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

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IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-58)
O.S. NO. 26524/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560 068
Represented by its POA Holder Sri. Pramodh Gurumallappa
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Chandran S. ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Chandran
S/o. Sri. Subramani,
Aged about 37 years,
No.16, 5th Cross, Shanti Layout, 3rd Floor, Sunday Market Road, Ramamurthy Nagar, Near Ram Temple, Bangalore - 560 016
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of **Rs. 3,62,649/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine Only)** together with interest @ 24% p.a., Cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-58) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 25/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 30/11/2022.
By Order Of The Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court,
Mayohall Unit, Bangalore
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF
SA Associates,
No.10, 7th Cross,
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Bangalore- 560 047

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT SESSIONS COURT at KALLAKURICHI.
M.C.O.P:219/2019
1.Viruthambal,
W/o.Kaliyamoorthi
2.Savitha,
W/o.Senthilkumar
3.Thiyagarajan
S/o.Kaliyamoorthi
4.Gokulakannan,
S/o.Kaliyamoorthi
all are residing at East st., Kanaiyar Village, Ulundurpet Taluk, Kallakurichi Dt. Tamilnadu
---- Petitioners
---- VS----
Rajkumar,
S/o.Ramaswame
No.13, 4th Main Road, New Thargupet, Bangalore District - 560002
Karnataka State. -- I Respondent.
NOTICE
Whereas the petitioner above mentioned has filed the above petition for the claim of the compensation of the accident occurred on 19-01.2017. Notice is hereby given to you that the hearing of the Petition is posted on 15-12-2022.
Take Notice that you are present either in person or through counsel on 15-12-2022 before the hon'ble Motor Accident Claim Tribunal / III Additional district sessions court, Kallakurichi at 10.00 am when the matter is called, otherwise the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.
Advocate
V.Shanmugam, B.Sc., B.L.,
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRIYANKA, R/a No.19, Vaishnavi Prime, 2nd Floor, No.203, Opp. Syndicate ATM, Andree Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore-560027 have changed my name to Priyanka Mehtha P vide affidavit dt: 02.12.2022 sworn before Notary K.V.Mani, B'lore.

I, T.ARCHANNA legally wedded spouse of No.10490133A Rank: HAV, Name: R.Vedisamy residing at Thiruvanapatti (Vill & Post) Uthankarai (Teh) Krishnagiri (Dist), Tamil Nadu - 635304 have changed my name to Archana.D vide Affidavit dated 01.12.2022 sworn before Notary G.B.Turamari, B'lore.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE 28th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL UNIT AT BANGALORE (CCH-29)
O.S. NO. 25755/2020
Between
ICICI Bank Limited,
Having its Registered office at Land Mark, Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390 007 and having its Corporate office at ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400 051 and its branch office at Mystree Centre, 4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068
...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Abdul Razhaka
...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
To,
Mr. Abdul Razhaka,
S/o. Mr. Abdul Haque,
Aged about 32 years
H. No.16, CKB Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Behind SGR Dental College, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 037
Also at
Mr. Abdul Razhaka,
Cap Gemini Technology, ITPL, Big Bazar Road, Whitefield, Prestige, Shanthinekethan Building, Present- 2, Bangalore - 560 048
WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted above said suit against you for recovery of Rs. 4,60,337/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Seven Only) together with interest @ 24% p.a., cost of the suit and to grant such other or further order relief. The above mentioned Defendant hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble 28th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-29) in person or through a Counsel who can able to answer the claim made against you on 07/01/2023 at 11:00 a.m. failing which the suit is heard and disposed ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 23/11/22.
BY ORDER OF THE HON'BLE COURT
DEPUTY REGISTRAR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
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IN THE COURT OF THE 73rd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-74)
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25380 OF 2022
BETWEEN :
ICICI BANK LTD.
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 001, And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G. S/o Gurumalappa, Age : 45 years.
...Plaintiff
AND
Sri. M. Prem Sagar
...Defendent
Summons/Notice through Paper Publication
Defendant
Mr. M. PREM SAGAR,
Aged about 35 years, Son of Mahadevappa, R/at 20/27, 3rd Cross, Saraswathipuram, Near Just Bakery, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 086.
...Defendant
WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs.05,16,165/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/pleader on **16.01.2023** at **11.00 A.M.** to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as "EX-PARTE".
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 16th day of November, 2022.
By order of the Court
Deputy Registral
City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada
Advocate, No.177/1, (88), 1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002.

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INBRIEF

Ten experts nominated as KSHEC members

Ten experts, including Debashis Chatterjee, CEO, Mindtree, and Anurag Behar, former Vice-Chancellor, Azim Premji University, have been nominated as members of the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Higher Education, said on Friday that their term would last for five years or until further orders. "This time entrepreneurs have been nominated as members to connect the academia with the industry," he said. The other members are T.V. Kattimani, Vice-Chancellor, Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh; Jogan Shankar, former Vice-Chancellor, Kuvempu University; Ameen-E-Mudassar, CEO, CIGMA; Meena Chandavarkar, former Vice-Chancellor, Akka Mahadevi University; Usha Rani, senior professor, ICSSR; N.S. Srinath, managing director, MERCK Life Sciences; Ajay Prabhu, chairperson, Quest Global, and Raghavendra Krishnamurthy, cheif strategist officer, Bosch Global Software.

₹16.52 crore for works around Nanjangud temple

The Karnataka government has issued an order for the construction of a guest house, dormitories, and rooms at a cost of ₹16.52 crore around the Srikanteshwara Temple at Nanjangud in Mysuru district. A sum of ₹3.85 crore would be spent on the construction of dormitories, ₹2.7 crore on VIP guest houses, and ₹9.97 crore on construction of 75 rooms, the order stated.

The order instructed authorities concerned to take up work at the temple after obtaining permission from the Archaeology Department.

Odanadi seeks action against 'Chitradurga police' for trespassing

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Odanadi Seva Samsthe has sought suitable action against the "Chitradurga police" for illegally trespassing onto its premises in Mysuru on November 30 and "creating an atmosphere of fear".

In a complaint to the Home Secretary, Government of Karnataka, Odanadi founder Stanly has alleged that about 10 police personnel from Chitradurga attired in plainclothes barged into their rehabilitation centre 'Madilu' on the outskirts of Mysuru and started a frantic search operation.

However, when confronted by Odanadi staff, who questioned their entry into the premises without issuing any notice or accompanied by representatives from the Child Welfare Committee or District Child Protection Unit, the "Chitradurga police" did not have a convincing answer, Mr. Stanly said.

They later left the premises and "apologised for their mistake", he said. Even after leaving Odanadi premises, they were engaged in a telephonic talk with somebody before boarding their vehicle and leaving. Two women were also part of the team, he said.

However, Mr. Stanly claimed that the action of the "Chitradurga police" had "created an atmosphere of fear" at Odanadi which provides safety and security to the children. Odanadi is also providing shelter to the alleged victims of sexual abuse in the case registered against Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru.

Copies of the complaint lodged by Odanadi have been sent to the police.

It may be mentioned here that Odanadi founder Parashuram M.L. was served with a notice by the Chitradurga police on November 28 over his reported claim that he was offered a bribe of ₹3 crore to withdraw from the sexual abuse case registered against the seer.

HC: Judge cannot assume the role of a supreme adviser to administration on policies

Court refuses to interfere with the Centre's policy decision of imposing a cap on the price of 42 drugs to make treatment of cancer affordable to citizens

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A judge, based on his inputs, cannot assume the role of a supreme adviser to the administration on policies governing innumerable activities of the State, particularly in today's context of over-expanding horizons which come into the ken of policymaking, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

"By taking the oath of office as a judge, an ordinary man turns himself into a man with a magic wand and qualifies himself to be an unquestionable authority to advice on such policies is inconceivable...," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while refusing to interfere with the February 27, 2019, order passed by the Central government imposing a price cap of 30% upon the manufacturers for the select 42 drugs that are considered essential for the treatment of cancer.

The court dismissed the petition filed by city-based Healthcare Global Enterprises Ltd., which operates a chain of cancer hospitals under the name of HCG. The company had questioned the legality of the policy decision of imposing the price cap on the manufacturers under the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order stating that the price cap was affecting it though it was a retailer.

'Profit will come down'

"What the petitioner now seeks to contend by way of a challenge to the order is that its profit would come down as it is only a retailer; the cap is on the manufacturer but the effect is on the retailer. This cannot be a ground for a judicial review of the impugned policy, much less, on the ground that it violates Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution of India," Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna observed.

The petitioner had only contended that its right under Article 19(1)(g) to practice any profession or to carry on any trade or business was taken away by the policy and it has not pointed out any circumstance for the policy to be termed as contrary to any law, the court said.

'900% more'

The court noted that the cap was imposed to make cancer treatment affordable after noticing that some manufacturers were selling drugs at about 900% more than the regular price.

"...cancer drugs need to become somewhat affordable so that whenever a treatment is required, it can be treated at the earliest, the rich and the poor alike. Therefore, the challenge to the Government Order by a retailer whose motive *inter alia* is profit and the challenge *inter alia* is loss of profit, cannot be countenanced," the court said.

An energy-efficient computing platform

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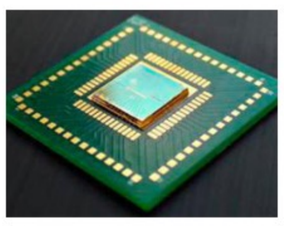
BENGALURU



The electronic platform used in the studies by researchers at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering, IISc.

Researchers at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc, have developed a highly energy-efficient computing platform which offers promise in building next-generation electronic devices.

According to IISc, the CeNSE researchers in two recent studies reported the development of this highly energy-efficient computing platform.

"Instead of using complementary metal-oxide semiconductors (CMOS), which are the building blocks of most electronic circuits today, the team used components called memristors that can both store data and perform computation. By designing unique memristors based on metal-organic complexes, the team could cut down the number of components needed in a circuit, greatly increasing the speed and efficiency," IISc said in a press release.

"We have now discovered a molecular circuit element that can capture complex logic functions within itself, facilitating in-memory computations in a smaller number of time steps and using much fewer elements than usual," said Sreetosh Goswami, assistant professor at CeNSE who led both the studies published in Advanced Materials.

Existing computing architectures process and store data at separate physical locations. The back-and-forth communication between two locations consumes the lion's share of the computing energy. "We are resolving this problem by performing both computation and storage at the same physical location," Prof. Goswami.

He added that the platform "outperforms" the current state-of-the-art technologies by orders of magnitude. "We are [now] able to make arrays of devices that are more robust, consistent, and stable even compared to commercial technologies like flash memories," Prof. Goswami added.

The metal-organic complexes used to build their platform were designed by Sreebrata Goswami, specialist scientist at CeNSE.

SC/ST dedicated funds: Social Welfare Dept. claims spending at 35% in six months

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Department says it is on course to achieve the full target at the end of financial year

Claiming that the State government's dedicated expenditure on the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at the end of October 31 was around 35%, the Social Welfare Department on Friday said it was on course to achieve the full target at the end of financial year.

The department has now asked the SCSP/TSP Cell to investigate how a "wrong agenda note" had been prepared which pegged the spending at 15%. The agenda copy that was circulated for the meeting held by the department on Thursday also cited the expenditure as 15%.

However, according to a statement from Social Welfare Minister Kota Srinivas Poojary on Friday, of the total ₹28,234 crore allocated for SC/ST welfare, ₹9,935 crore or about 35% of the total allocation has been spent till October 31. This included ₹7,595 crore expenditure or about 37% of the budgetary allocation of ₹20,112 crore for SC welfare and ₹2,339 crore or 30% spent from an allocation of ₹8,121 crore for ST welfare. By the end of November, the progress has been 45% of the annual allocation, it said.

Seminar today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Factories, Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health, is organising a seminar on 'Emergency prevention and response' to mark Chemical Disaster Prevention Day on Saturday. It will be held at Biocon Park, Bommasandra Industrial Area, from 9 a.m.

Deletion of voters' names: FIR against three of survey firm

Survey team members who were questioned by a local Congress leaders at Anand Nagar in Hubballi.

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Dharwad Deputy Commissioner asks the police to thoroughly investigate the case, following allegations by Congress

The issue of alleged deletion of names from voters' list in Dharwad district took a new turn with Congress members apprehending three employees of a private company conducting the survey in minority-dominated areas and filing a police complaint.

Congress leaders, led by Rajat Ullagaddimath, filed a complaint with the Old Hubballi Police on Thursday. Deputy Commissioner of Dharwad Gurdatta Hegde has asked the police to thoroughly investigate the matter.

No permission given

The Deputy Commissioner, however, clarified that the district administration had not given permission to any company to carry out any survey. "But we have take serious note of the allegation about a Delhi-based company collecting confidential information and linking the issue to deletion of names from the voters' list. The police have been asked to conduct investigation into any such survey being conducted by the company," he said in a press release.

Questioned

On Thursday, Congress members had come across three persons, reportedly hired by Delhi-based ASR Consulting Services Private Limited Company, to conduct a voters' survey, collecting details from voters in Anand Nagar locality of Hubballi. They were collecting data from the voters on their EPIC, voting preferences and other issues and recording the information using a mobile application. When they were questioned by the Congress members, they failed to give satisfactory answers and subsequently a complaint was filed complaint against the three persons.

However, the Congress leaders have taken exception to the FIR filed, saying the police had not made the managing director of the survey company and other responsible officials as accused in it.

Charge against police

Mr. Ullagaddimath who was asked to provide further details about the complaint filed with the police on Friday, has also sent an email to the Deputy Commissioner raising questions about the alleged involvement of police officials in the whole issue. He alleged that the Police Department was hand in glove with the company as it had kept silent in spite of being aware about the "illegal survey."

He urged the Deputy Commissioner to name the managing director of the company and the local incharge as accused along with the three persons who were deployed for the survey.

Allegations false: CM

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters at Hubballi airport, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai termed the allegation that persons belonging to minority community were being removed from voters' list across Karnataka as "false." He said that any such complaint would be probed thoroughly by officials.

He said the Election Commission was aware of the allegations and was supervising revision of voter list in Karnataka.

The Chief Minister said that both Election Commission of India and the State Election Commission had already taken steps for ensuring transparency in the process.

Financial aid to promote Kannada among students in border areas

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To promote Kannada among children in the border region, the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority (KBADA) is planning to deposit ₹5,000 in the joint account of every Kannada-medium student and the school. This has been conceptualised to ensure that the student studies in Kannada medium till X standard, according to KBADA chairman C. Somashekhara. Addressing presspersons after releasing a booklet 'Sadhaneya Darshana' (A peek into the achievement), he said: "The student will study in the same school and will not go to any other medium school. By the time the student completes X standard, there will be a good amount in his account. This will attract children towards Kannada. It will benefit students as well as the school."

"In the first phase, joint account deposits of ₹5,000 each will be made in the name of 5,000 students from schools in Kasaragod, Jat, Akkalkot, and Dakshina Solapur taluks. It is estimated that we will need ₹2.5 crore for this and a proposal has been submitted to the government in this regard," he said.

He said there was a proposal to start residential Kannada schools. In the first phase, a residential school would be started in Khanapur, he said.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

Smt G SEETHALAKSHMI (87)

wife of Late Sri R. Gopalakrishnan
Retd. Joint Director - Coffee Board
Attained Almighty's Lotus Feet
on 01.12. 2022 at 1:30 p.m.
Deeply mourned by
her sons, daughters and their families,
Friends and Relatives
RSVP: Suri : 9176059521
Sundar : 9840183098
Email: suri2808@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients, **Mr. Vilaas,** S/o. Veergangiah and Mrs. Ashwini. K.B, W/o. Mr. Vilaas both are at No.701, 'Kanasu', 3rd Main, 5th Cross, Muddayanapalya RTO, Upkar Layout Ullal main Road, Gidadakonenahalli, Bangalore – 560091 is intending to purchase the property described in the schedule below from Mr. Shashi Shekar Naik as he claims that he is the absolute owner in possession of the property and the same is free from all encumbrances, charges, claims or demands of whatsoever nature. Any person/s having objection to the said transaction may lodge their objection/s supported by cogent documents with the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this notice. If no objection/s is/are raised within the said period, our clients' would go ahead with the sale transaction in respect of the Property below mentioned deeming there is/are no objection/s to the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the vacant site bearing **No.51/A1 Manuvana KHB Colony, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040,** Measuring **East to West 34.5 Feet, and North to South 34+18/2 Feet and Totally measuring: 897.71 Square Feet, having PID No.33-13-51/A1;** Bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.51/A; **West by :** Road; **North by :** Road; **South by :** Site No.52/B;

N M LEGAL,
Advocates & Consultants,
No.117/3, FlatNo.TF-304, 'FORTUNE SQUARE',
S.C. Road, Sheshadripuram,
Bangalore – 560 020, Tel: 9845588499

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client has agreed to purchase the 'Schedule Property', from its owner 1) Sri. B. Gangadhar S/o Sri. P. Shivappa Poojary, PAN: AFUPG1170Q, residing at No.208, GSR Srinivasam, Borewell road, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560066. Any Person/s, Societies, Association/s, Government Authorities, Financial institution/s, Banks, Judicial authorities asserting any rights, title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the Schedule Property or any documents thereof or objecting to such sale in favour of my Client, should write or contact me within **07 days** from the date of issuance of this Public Notice, with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period, my Client shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property residential **vacant site bearing no. 192, BBMP Khata No.2450/2385/192/2438,** formed by the BEML Employees Co Operative Housing Society Limited, in several Sy No's. 91/2, 99/1, 99/2, 99/3, 101/2, 140, 141, 142, 173, 174, 175, 180, 181, 182, 184, 188, 192, 194, 195, 196, 197, 207, 208, 210, 211, 217/1B, 217/2, 218/1, 218/2, 219, 220, 223/1, 223/2, 22/3, 224/1, 224/2, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229/1, 229/2, 230 and 241 of Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, BEML 5th stage, Site measuring **East to West 30 feet, and North to South 50 feet, total measuring 166.66 Sq yards,** together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows:-

East by : Site No. 191, **West by :** Site No. 193.
North by : Road, **South by :** Site No. 207.

For NAYARKODI ASSOCIATES
Dhiraj Nayarkodi, Advocate
Office at #4706, 7th floor, High Point IV,
Palace Road, Bangalore-560001.
Mob: 9886755278.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Vijayanagar Division, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan,
3rd Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040

No: EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/15/2022-23 **Date: 01-12-2022**

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Government of Karnatak, vide G.O. No. UDD/356/MNY/2012(2) (E) Bengaluru, Dated: 10-07-2012 has accorded in Principle approval and sanctioned budget for taking up of the works listed below.

The Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed below.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-4)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Construction of Swimming Pools in Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency.	**690.00**	**Rs. 6,90,000/-** (**Rs. 1.00 Lakh** through e-Procurement Portal and the Balance **Rs. 5,90,000/-** shall be in the form of Bank Guarantee)

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 07-12-2022. 2)** Pre Bid Meeting will be held on **13-12-2022 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagar), BBMP, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, 3rd Main Road, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560040. 3)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries on **13-12-2022 upto 11.30 Hrs. 4)** Tenders must be Submitted online through e-Procurement Portal **on or before 16.00 Hrs. on 17-12-2022. 5)** Technical Bids will be Opened on **19-12-2022 at 11.30 Hrs. in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

From Page One

Karnataka set to cut power tariff

The Bescom would file an application before the KERC for re-working additional charges for HT consumers who draw power from independent power producers (IPPs).

According to sources in the Energy Department, there was a proposal for providing tariff concessions for consumers of rural areas. The department has been mulling on providing a concession of 25 paise per unit for consumers in gram panchayat limits.

A proposal was mooted to reduce charges of ₹4.15 per unit for 0-50 units (LT-A1) and ₹4.05 for 0-50 unit (LT-A2) consumers to ₹3.7 per unit.

From two slabs to one

It was also proposed to reduce two slabs between 50 and 200 units into one for reducing power tariff by ₹2 per unit. For consumers utilising more than 200 units, the tariff would be reduced from ₹8.2 to ₹7.7 per unit.

Reliable sources said that the department was planning to introduce a time-bound tariff for HT consumers.

It was proposed to reduce charges for HT users who consume power for 10 hours a day, by 75 paise from the current ₹6.6 per unit.

HC issues contempt notice to Cong. leaders

The commercial court had ordered for blocking the party's Twitter handles apart from ordering electronic audit of the party's social media platform to ascertain illegal use of copyrighted contents, on the condition that the three Congress leaders ensure removal of illegally used content from their social media platforms, the petitioner pointed out

The undertaking was given on behalf of the three leaders when Ms. Shrinate had filed an appeal before the High Court questioning November 7 interim order passed by the commercial court on the suit filed by MRT Music.

Despite the undertaking, the copyrighted songs of the film were found on the party's Twitter handle and Facebook page on November 20, the petitioner alleged.

Beside, the party is allowing people to download the songs from its social media platforms, the petitioner has alleged.

Central forces may be posted in Vizhinjam port area, says Kerala

State informs court that the matter will be discussed with the Centre; High Court hears plea filed by the Adani Group seeking police protection

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala government submitted before the High Court on Friday that it was open to the deployment of Central forces on the Vizhinjam port premises that witnessed large-scale violence on Sunday.

The Central forces had the authority, even without a request from the State, to maintain security on the Vizhinjam port premises, it said and further submitted that the matter would be discussed with the Centre. The submission was made at the hearing on a petition filed by the Adani Group and the contracting firm seeking police protection for port-construction works.

Following this, Justice Anu Sivaraman directed counsel for the State and the Centre to get instructions from the respective governments and submit their response by the next posting date (Wednesday).

On the action taken against the perpetrators of Sunday's violence, the State government said cases had been registered against many of them, including a bishop. The State availed of all means, except resorting to firing, to prevent the possible death of hundreds of people.

Counsel for the Adani Group and the contracting firm submitted that the 'instigators' were still residing in a shed installed in the project area where a protest was being staged. The police arrested only five persons from among thousands who violated the court's order. Stating that the police were helpless in maintaining law and order, counsel for the petitioners said the situation called for the deployment of Central forces "at least in the project area".

Strict vigil: Police officers standing guard during a protest rally by the supporters of the Vizhinjam port project on November 30. PTI

CPI(M) hardens stance against action council

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Stringent prosecution of Latin Catholic Church-backed Vizhinjam Action Council (VAC) activists alleged to be responsible for the storming of the local police station last Sunday seems imminent.

Communist Party of India (Marxist) [CPI(M)] State secretary M.V. Govindan on Friday gave an early indication of the impending police action by stating that law enforcers had identified the persons at the forefront of the "insurrection" and arrests would follow.

Maharashtra Ministers' visit to Belagavi not appropriate: Karnataka

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said that the State government had communicated to Maharashtra that the visit of its Ministers to Belagavi, at this juncture, was not appropriate.

"The Chief Secretary of Karnataka has sent a fax message to her counterpart in Maharashtra that the visit of Ministers would not be appropriate in the current situation," Mr. Bommai informed journalists at Dodamangadi village near Ramdurg in Belagavi district of Karnataka before launching some development projects.

Members of the Maharashtra high-powered committee on the Karnataka-Maharashtra border dispute – Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Dada Patil, Excise Minister Shambhuraj Desai, and Dhairyashil Mane, MP – had announced that they would visit Belagavi on December 3 to meet members of the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti.

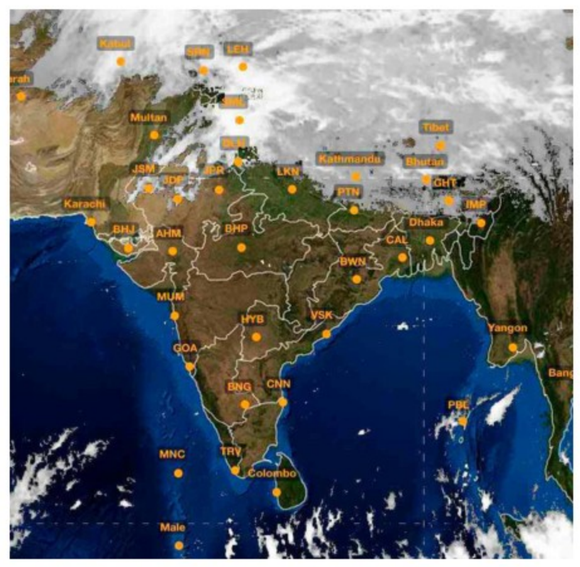
The samiti has been demanding merger of Belagavi and other Marathi-speaking areas with Maharashtra.

Visit put off

But the visit was put off. Mr. Patil announced that they would visit on December 6, to participate in Ambedkar Mahaparinirvan Divas.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh.

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	28.9	16.3	Kozhikode	—	34.4	25.0
Ahmedabad	—	30.9	15.9	Kurnool	—	33.8	22.1
Aizawl	—	26.7	18.0	Lucknow	—	26.6	11.6
Allahabad	—	27.0	11.0	Madurai	0.5	33.9	23.1
Bengaluru	—	26.4	17.4	Mangaluru	—	33.0	25.5
Bhopal	—	27.9	11.1	Mumbai	—	32.7	29.1
Bhubaneswar	—	30.0	19.8	Mysuru	—	30.0	18.0
Chandigarh	—	25.1	10.7	New Delhi	—	27.0	7.7
Chennai	—	31.9	24.8	Patna	—	26.6	12.1
Coimbatore	0.2	31.2	23.2	Port Blair	—	31.2	26.6
Dehradun	—	23.8	10.9	Puducherry	—	32.7	23.2
Gangtok	—	17.1	9.0	Pune	—	29.3	11.0
Goa	—	33.8	21.9	Raipur	—	30.6	13.8
Guwahati	—	29.6	15.6	Ranchi	—	26.8	12.6
Hubballi	—	30.0	20.0	Shillong	—	22.3	9.5
Hyderabad	—	29.7	18.4	Shimla	—	18.6	8.6
Imphal	—	28.0	13.9	Srinagar	—	11.5	-0.2
Jaipur	—	25.2	11.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.6	25.0
Kochi	—	31.2	25.8	Tiruchi	0.2	31.7	24.0
Kohima	—	21.2	8.2	Vijayawada	—	32.0	23.6
Kolkata	—	28.5	17.6	Visakhapatnam	—	30.6	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.23	..84	62	 62	90	.....
Bengaluru	.11	..45	25	... 232	.....—	.....
Chennai	.13	..37	39	... 104	88	.....
Delhi	.24	107	64	... 398	...394	.....
Hyderabad	...6	..31	47	... 231	.....—	.....
Kolkata	.18	7	43	... 300	...162	.....
Lucknow	.16	..48	38	... 304	...242	.....
Mumbai	.14	..20	98	... 285	...215	.....
Pune	..—	..76	84	..... —	.....—	.....
Visakhapatnam	.37	..40	35	... 119	...113	.....

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 406 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Gangtok, Sikkim recorded a good AQI score of 31

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
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SHORTTERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR PREPARATION OF DETAILED PROJECT REPORTS (DPR'S) FOR THE PROPOSED WORKS TO BE TAKENUP UNDER CEPMIZ

Short Term Tender Notification No. 76/2022-23, Dated: 29.11.2022

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division, Chitradurga is inviting tenders for preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR's) for the Proposed improvements approximately **49.80 km** length State Highway, Major District Road and Other District Roads works to be taken up under CEPMIZ as per Standard Bidding Document (KC-4) and KPWD Norms.

Name of work:- (1) Package No.1: a) Improvements to Hirebennuru-Sirigere-Sasalu road from KM 0.00 to 13.00 in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (up to D. Madakripura) b) Improvements to Sirigere to Bommenhalli Via Kadleguddu 15 Km in Chitradurga Taluk of Chitradurga District -CC Road (Proposed ch 0.00 to 13.50 KM) c) Improvements to Hirebennur-Sirigere- Sasalu road from Km 13.00 to 17.50 & Km 18.10 to 21.60 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District (8 kms) d) Improvements to Road from Mathighatta Chitradurga Taluk Border Km 0.00 to 15.50 in Holalkere Taluk of Chitradurga District. (15.30 kms) **/call-2. Proposed length in kms:- a) 13.00 b) 13.50 c) 8.00 d) 15.30 Total: 49.80 EMD:- Workwise EMD Details may be obtained through E-Proc Portal Tender Process Details :-** (1) Tender Dcoument can be downloaded in E Proc Portal from 29.11.2022 to 07.12.2022 upto 15.00 Hours (2) Pre bid meeting on 02.12.2022 at 11.30 Hours (o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga) (3) Last date & Time for Receipt of Tenders 07.12.2022 upto 16.30 Hours (4) Date & Time for opening of Technical bid 08.12.2022 at 16.31 Hours (5) Date & Time of Opening of Financial Proposal: will be informed separately to those consultants whose technical proposal is accepted. (6) Corrigendums, Addendums and Modifications in Notification if any will be published in E-procurement Portal only. Terms of Reference may be downloaded in E-Procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from 29.11.2022. Registered Consultancy firms in E-Procurement are eligible to participate in any number of tender, But on consultancy firm is eligible to obtain Tender. Any information can be obtained from o/o Executive Engineer Office, PWD Division Chitradurga during office hours on all working days and also through www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in E-Procurement Portal Helpdesk Telephone No. 080-25501216 & 080-25501217.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/735/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Chitradurga.

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)
Office of theExecutive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.6,
Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-6/PB-3//TND/Call-1/4/2022-23/674 DATED: 01-12-2022

SHORTTERM TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-1/4
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

Ref: 1) T.O.Tender Notification for Call-3 No.529, Dated: 31-10-2022.

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bengaluru, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6, Chikkahonnakuni Tq: Devadurga, Dist: Raichur was invited in KW-2/3 on percentage/turnkey basis for AWP works in Two/Single cover system from Registered Contractors of KPWD for works 2021-22 continued for 2022-23 vide above references. After receipt of these tenders, there is technical problem arisen during evaluation. Hence these tenders may be recalled in Call-1/4. (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and submitted through electronic tender box).

Total - 2 Nos. of Works having minimum Amount of Rs.35.39 Lakh to maximum Amount of Rs.63.16 Lakh, of Work Indent Nos: 1) 20033/Call-4 (Single cover) for General & 2) 21850 (Two covers). The details of events for the above works as per the notification is mentioned as below:-

1) The Contractors can have access to e-tendering documents from 01/12/2022 onwards. 2) Last date for Clarification for Queries will be on 08/12/2022 @ 5.00 PM. 3) Last Date of Receipt of the above Tenders will be 09/12/2022 up to 5.30 PM. 4) Technical Bid for Two covers & Financial Bid for Single cover will be opened in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, Division No.6, Chikkahonakuni on 12/12/2022 @ 11.00 AM onwards. 5) Financial Bid for Two covers (only selected in Technical Bid) will be opened in the above office on 19/12/2022 @ 11.00 AM

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact htt://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the under signed during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.6,
CHIKKAHONNAKUNI-584111

DIP/Raichur/440/MC&A/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase Property bearing Site No. 624, Old Khata No. 295, property No. 19, new Khata No. 295/624 situated at Bilshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 60 Feet North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 2400 Sq. feet from its owner Mrs. Pushpa Garg, W/o. Kashmiri Lal Garg.

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the Schedule Property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, failing which our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No. 624, Old Khata No. 295, property No. 19, new Khata No. 295/624 situated at Bilshivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore east Taluk coming under the jurisdiction of BBMP measuring east to west 60 Feet North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 2400 Sq. feet and bounded on;

East by : Site No. 629 **West by** : 35 ft wide 11th 'B' Cross Road **North by** : Site No. 623 **South by** : Site No. 625

Sd/- **Akhila & Associates, Advocates**
#121, LRDE Layout Doddanekkundi,
Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Smt. Siraj Begum** wife of Late **Mir Wajid Hussain,** 11, Nageswara Iyer Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu now declares that the original un-registered documents, i.e Agreement of the Sale dated 29-10-2005 Construction Agreement dated 29-10-2005, Declaration–cum Undertaking dated 20-06-2007, Possession letter dated 20-06-2007 and Payment Voucher dated 11-09-2008 pertaining to Villa Plot No. 23 in the residential complex known as 'Whitefield Bougainvilla' situated at Channasandra Village, Whitefield, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East (earlier South) Taluk, Bangalore executed by **M/s Puravankara Constructions** in favour of **Mir Wajid Hussain and Siraj Begum** are either misplaced or lost and the same are presently not traceable. She has lodged a Police complaint in this regard. It is hereby requested that if any one finds these documents it may please be returned to the undersigned within 7 days from this day

T. MURUGESH, Advocate
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Ref: No. ME/2022-23/IND: Date: 30-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Under signed invites e-tender notification in two Bid system from eligible tenderers through e-procurement portal GOK, for the supply of Medical Equipments to department of Physiology & Pathology, for more information contact e-procurement portal or office of the undersigned.

e-mail: directormckodagu@gmail.com

Sd/- Director & Dean
Kodagu Institute of Medical Sciences, Madikeri

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Deputy General Manager

FORM NO. RSC – 4
[PURSUANT TO RULE 3(1) (I) AND (II) OF NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE FOR REDUCTION OF SHARE CAPITAL OF COMPANY) RULES,2016]
COMPANY PETITION NO. C.P No. 82/BB/2022
IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 66 READ WITH SECTION 52 OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
AND
IN THE MATTER OF NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
(CIN: U72200KA2009PTC050999)
Having its Registered Office at The Elite,
No. 71/72,Third Floor, 5th Block, Industrial Area,
Koramangala, Bangalore - 560095 in
.... Petitioner Company

PUBLICATION OF ORDER CONFIRMATION

A Petition filed under Section 66 read with Section 52 of the Companies Act, 2013 and other Applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 for confirming the reduction of equity share capital of the M/s Near India Private Limited (Petitioner Company) was resolved by passing Special Resolution in the Extra-ordinary General Meeting held on 05th April, 2022 and the Petition was presented on the 18th day of April, 2022 and the said Petition was allowed by the Hon'ble Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench and ordered to cause a Paper Publication to this effect.

Any party, aggrieved by the order of the Hon'ble Tribunal, is entitled to file miscellaneous application, in the instant Application by seeking appropriate direction(s). A copy of the application will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

FOR NEAR INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
Sd/-
Mr. Justin Joseph
Authorized Signatory / Director

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Tender Notification No. 32/2022-23
Dated: 01.12.2022

Item-rate tenders, for the work in No.2 North, Anekal and Doddaballapura Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per e-procurement procedure. Tender Notification are Published for 20 works **(Rs. 5.40 to 70.00 Lakhs)** Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in E-procurement portal. Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from Dated: **02.12.2022** onwards. **(2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16:00 hours on dated **13.12.2022**. **(3)** The opening of tenders through e-procurement portal on dated **14.12.2022 at 16.30** hours or further date and time will be Intimate.

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Great responsibility

During G-20 presidency, India must etch global dreams on domestic landscape

The Government launched its year of the G-20 presidency on December 1 with some pomp, and 100 monuments from Kashmir to Kanyakumari lit up with India's G-20 logo symbolising the motto "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, or "one earth, one family, one future". In an editorial essay, Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to making India's year of chairmanship as one that will focus on "healing our 'One Earth', creating harmony within our 'One Family' and giving hope for our 'One Future'". There are plans for about 200 G-20 meetings across India. The preparatory and ministerial meetings will culminate in grand plans for a G-20 Summit, which will bring leaders of the 'P-5' countries and others to New Delhi next September. India has taken the baton from Indonesia, which had a difficult time in even scheduling meetings and ensuring full participation due to differences over the Ukraine war. There was even uncertainty till the end over whether all major leaders would attend; whether they would agree to a joint photo-opportunity (they did not), and whether there would be a joint statement – which was eventually forged. Like Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Mr. Modi will have to travel abroad to ensure that all G-20 leaders and invitees attend at the highest level. And officials will have to burn more midnight oil to achieve consensus on statements.

Symbolism and logistical coordination aside, the Government has a tough task ahead in conducting substantive negotiations to bring together a comprehensive G-20 agenda, where officials said they would focus on counter-terrorism, supply chain disruptions and global unity. In 2008, the first G-20 summit-level meeting in the U.S. was during a moment of crisis for the world's financial systems. In 2022, the task for Mr. Modi and his team is equally crucial, given the lasting effects of the Russian war in Ukraine, western sanctions on energy that will deepen this month, economic downturns, pandemic worries and climate change issues that are testing the foundations of globalisation and an interconnected global economy. In his editorial, Mr. Modi said India would forge its G-20 agenda through its tradition of "collective decision-making" that, like India's national consensus, would be made "... by blending millions of free voices into one harmonious melody". At a time India itself faces economic distress and social and communal tensions, the Government should be prepared for more scrutiny on upholding such ideals. Having raised the pitch on India's global prominence as G-20 President, and its power to shape the global narrative, the Government may find that with great power comes great responsibility, and a greater spotlight on its ability to translate its global dreams into the domestic landscape as well.

On the boil

The violence in West Bank is reshaping Israeli and Palestinian societies

The killing of five Palestinian men by Israeli security forces in separate incidents on Tuesday in Hebron and Ramallah is the latest flare-up of a continuing story of violence and retribution in the occupied West Bank. Organised armed resistance independent of the official Palestinian leadership has been growing in the West Bank ever since the clashes in Jerusalem in May 2021, which led to the 11-day war on the Gaza Strip, controlled by the Islamist Hamas. Among the new militant groups that have sprung up in the West Bank is the Lion's Den, reportedly based in the Old City of Nablus, attacking Israeli troops and illegal Jewish settlers in Palestinian territories. This year has seen a marked jump in attacks by Palestinians – Jerusalem was hit by two blasts in November in which a teenager was killed and 18 injured – while the Israelis carry out raids in West Bank towns almost daily. The violence is cyclical. At least 140 Palestinians have been killed this year, including 26 children, which is a seven-year record. More than 30 Israelis have been killed by Palestinians.

If anything, the continuing violence despite Israel's disproportionate crackdown underscores the argument that the status quo in the occupied and blockaded Palestinian territories is unbearable and unsustainable. Israel's approach is that it can manage the security challenges from Palestinians with heavy force and no concessions. A weak and divided Palestinian leadership means that there is no organised, collective voice to negotiate with the Israelis. The Palestinian Authority, which runs parts of the West Bank, is led by Fatah, while the overpopulated Gaza Strip, on the Mediterranean coast, is ruled by its rival Hamas. Still, the situation is beyond Israel's control. The absence of a peace process, a deepening of the occupation and pent-up frustration with their own leadership have led a new generation of Palestinians in the West Bank to embrace violence and militancy, recalling the days of the second Intifada. The return of Benjamin Netanyahu as Prime Minister could make the situation worse as some of his far-right and ultra-Orthodox allies want the Jewish settlements in the West Bank to be expanded and "disloyal" Arab citizens of Israel expelled. The slow death of the two-state formula and growing violence are bad news for the occupiers and the occupied. While it is making Palestinian lives extremely difficult, the unending conflict is reshaping Israeli society as well, which is becoming polarised with the clergy, far-right nationalists and extremists wielding an outsize influence on politics and governance.

Indian politics needs a dose of new experimentalism

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In early 2021, Republican Deb Haaland became the first Native American Cabinet Secretary in the U.S. Department of the Interior. This department, once infamous for facilitating the genocide of Native Americans, now oversees 500 million acres of public land, along with controlling the Bureau of Indian Affairs (responsible for the welfare of 1.9 million Native Americans). History, in some ways, has come full circle, with change in a department that was set up to disenfranchise Native Americans.

To the mainstream

On September 20, 2022, the United States House of Representatives witnessed the swearing in of Rep. Mary Peltola, a native Alaskan. Other democracies have offered space to driven individuals to emerge as leaders from native tribes and indigenous movements. In 2006, the election of Hilaria Supa Huaman to Peru's Congress allowed her to openly critique the impact of colonialism on native tribes in Peru and the Peruvian government's programme to forcibly sterilise indigenous women, as well as push for preserving the native culture in the Andes. Similarly, in Bolivia, Evo Morales, as the first indigenous President, was able to push for political autonomy for indigenous groups, in their ancestral territories.

India notably has a woman President who hails from a tribal community even as representation in parliamentary committees is often lacking, with less than 59.5% of all SC/ST lawmakers represented primarily in the Social Justice Committee. There are few political parties that have SC/ST individuals as a part of their leadership. The anti-defection law (Fifty Second Amendment Act, 1985 with a further amendment, the Constitution (Ninety-First Amendment) Act) must be reviewed as it prevents SC/ST lawmakers from speaking up in Parliament, particularly on issues where the party stance differs from their individual choices. Opportunities to highlight injustice against their community are often rare, and linked to the lottery system for the Zero Hour Q&A time. The participation of ST individuals remains largely symbolic.

Meanwhile, older democracies are increasingly encouraging female participation. In June 2018, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez beat Joe Crowley (a 10-term Congressional incumbent for New York's 14th Congressional District) in the Democratic Party's primary elections before going on to beat her Republican opponent, Anthony Pappas, in November 2018. At 29, she became the youngest woman to serve in the United State House of Representatives. In Finland, a population with an average age of 43, and below-replacement fertility rates), Sanna Marin became the youngest Prime Minister at 34 in 2019. It was not a one-off, her coalition government having been formed with five parties, all of whom had female party leaders. In Finland, having women in powerful roles has been normalised. Under Justin Trudeau, Canada has seen a cabinet that is 50% female. Meanwhile, in India, in the Gujarat elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress nominated only a handful of women candidates. We often hear about cross-party support for the Women's Reservation Bill that seeks to reserve a third of all seats in the Lok Sabha for women. Yet, the Bill continues to remain in limbo.

> Without a push for greater diversity, India's democracy will only remain stunted

Reaching out to youth

There are some democracies that have also pushed to engage with youth. In Austria,, in 2017, Sebastian Kurz was appointed Chancellor at 31. Italy saw Luigi DiMaio serving as the deputy Prime Minister at the age of 31 (2018-19). France's Typhanie Degois, a law student, was elected to France's Parliament at the age of 24 in 2017. In 2013, and at 29, Naisula Lesuuda became the youngest serving Kenyan Senator. In Spain, in 2015, Nagua Alba was elected to its parliament in 2015; incidentally, she was also Spain's first Member of Parliament of Arab descent. Meanwhile, between 1999 and 2019, the average age of Lok Sabha MPs was above 50, rising from 52 in 1999 to 59 in 2014 –it has declined a bit since then. Most political parties are increasingly fielding older candidates in elections to the Lok Sabha. India is increasingly a gerontocracy, apparently representing the aspirations of its youth. A range of policy measures could be evaluated to enhance youth participation in politics; examples include pushing for youth quotas in select seats, to making inner party democracy mandatory, along with a push for proportional representation. And yet, apathy prevails, prompting one to ask why Indian citizens acquiesce in this.

Long-established democracies have also created an encouraging environment in politics for atypical individuals with non-normative sexuality. Examples are Iceland (Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir), Ireland (Leo Varadkar) and Belgium (Ellio Di Rupo). In Africa, South Africa, Tunisia and Mauritius have seen LGBTQ+ individuals get elected or nominated to positions such as High Court judge, a provincial premier, or even a leader of a political party. There are also examples in Asia (Sri Lankan Member of Parliament, Mangala Samaraweera and Governor Niluka Ekanayake. India too has seen small steps being taken in ensuring political representation for the LGBTQ+ community, Shabnam Mausi and Madhu Bai Kinnar being examples. But such cases are few and far between, with atypical sexual or gender orientation often considered a career stopper in politics. Systematic disenfranchisement seems to be routine. In an ideal polity, LGBTQ issues would be dealt with by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, along with the creation of employment support groups.

Other countries offer pathways

Beyond this, most mature democracies also see a greater diversity of ideology while offering representation to different socio-economic groups such as trade unions and farmers. Libertarianism, a political philosophy that advocates economic liberty and a small state, with limited regulation, has many adherents across democracies (for e.g., the Reason Party in Australia, the New Party in Brazil, the Dawn of Liberty Party in South Korea, and the Libertarian Party in the United States). Similarly, green politics has been embraced across the world (the Green Party in the U.S. and the Alliance 90/The Greens in Germany are examples). Despite being the largest democracy, most Indian political parties are typically centre-left and populist – ideology is typically not a dividing factor. The Republican Party of India established by B.R. Ambedkar in September 1956, has since shrunk. Meanwhile, while less than 37.24% of Indian MPs claim to be "agriculturists", only 7.15% listed their occupation as "farmers", prompting the question why there is so little parliamentary debate on issues concerning Indian farmers. Do we have adequate political representation to represent different views (e.g. on the coastal fishing community, environmental issues, etc.)?

Indian democracy seems to be stuck in a hard place as the middle class and professionals have by and large seceded from politics. While other countries offer pathways in politics to individuals from varied backgrounds, Indian politics continues to be constrained by nepotism. We need a push for new experimentalism in politics, with greater representation and views from all sections of society. Without a push for greater diversity, India's democracy will remain stunted.

Connecting India's East with the Indo-Pacific

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Since 2018, India's 'Look East' and 'Act East' policies have moved into the phase of Indo-Pacific policy and strategy. But what we in the national capital interpret as the 'Indo-Pacific' is different from the perceptions of this policy in Northeastern and eastern India. There, the more important issues still are the need to ensure adequate security, speed up economic development, and connect better with the rest of India and select South Asian and Southeast Asian nations. Hence, an effective way to work for a 'free, open, inclusive, peaceful and prosperous' Indo-Pacific is to see how these five characteristics may be made more applicable to our eastern region.

What the East wants

The Northeast which comprises seven 'sisters' or States and one 'brother', Sikkim, has been witnessing transformation as it heads towards better security conditions and development. Recent participation in policy conversations in Imphal, the capital of Manipur, one of the four States bordering Myanmar (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram are the others) – helped in clarifying local needs and priorities. Separately, wide-ranging interactions with the intelligentsia and artists in Kolkata shed light on how this major metropolis views the Indo-Pacific from the lens of culture. A key takeaway is that by absorbing and factoring in the perspectives of stakeholders at the ground level, the Indo-Pacific policy can deliver better results.

Both Indo-Pacific conclaves were hosted by the Asian Confluence, a think tank leading in the study of India's Northeast. The first was in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs and Manipur University, and the second had the United States Consulate General in Kolkata as the partner.

The view from Manipur was that security conditions have improved significantly since the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power in Manipur in 2017. However, the core issues behind the insurgency have remained unresolved. The way forward was to address them substantially and accelerate the pace of development. A notable contrast in security assessments of the authorities and others came to the fore. The official perspective was that the pernicious phenomena of smuggling, drug trafficking, transnational border crime, insurgent activity, and the influx of refugees (from Myanmar) represented serious non-traditional threats. China was viewed as a 'constant player' behind these nefarious activities. This has necessitated vigilance and strict action by the Assam Rifles and other security agencies.

Others representing local communities, however, expressed concern over the insensitive handling of those engaged in lawful exchanges with the neighbouring countries. A balanced view indicates that considerable scope exists for more effective and people-sensitive border management in the future.

> In implementing India's Indo-Pacific strategy, voices from the Northeast and the eastern parts of the country must be heard

Development as priority

The Northeast is on the right path to concentrate on economic development. More is awaited through improvement in roads linking northeastern towns and job creation for thousands of graduates produced by local universities. Manipur needs to be promoted as the hub of medical tourism for other Indian States and neighbours such as Myanmar. The State's research and development facilities to leverage the region's biodiversity should be expanded. Accelerated development requires increased investment by Indian corporates and foreign investors as well as better management.

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh underscored the potential of the Northeast as an engine of growth. He urged the strategic and business community to contribute to crafting a concrete blueprint for leveraging opportunities relating to commerce, connectivity, and human capital development.

At Kolkata, intellectuals and performers in the cultural domain from India, the U.S., Japan, Thailand, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh reflected on the Indo-Pacific construct's cultural dimensions. An ambitious endeavour by 75 artists from nine countries highlighted the region's 'unity in diversity' through music, dance, drama, and cuisine. Clearly, expanding the reach of cultural diplomacy and people-to-people cooperation through greater educational exchanges, tourism, and trade is desirable. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, former Foreign Secretary, aptly stressed that the "shared culture, history and mutual social threads that tie the region with India [are] also an important component towards fostering regional cooperation".

Md. Shahidul Haque, former Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh, holds the view that moving beyond geopolitics and geo-economics, neighbours should focus on "the geo-cultural dimension" of the Indo-Pacific. Diplomats from the region agree on the importance of expanded people-related cooperation which would lead to wider acceptance of the Indo-Pacific and consolidation of the Quad. U.S. Consul General (Kolkata) Melinda Pavek projected her country as "a proud Indo-Pacific nation," emphasising that it was "incumbent on us to fortify our historical and geographic ties" to face future challenges.

Two common threads have emerged from recent exchanges. First, the growing significance of the Bay of Bengal region permeates the thinking of scholars. The concept of the Indo-Pacific seems distant, but the moment it is perceived as the outer circle of the Bay of Bengal and its littorals, it comes closer to home. Therefore, member-states need to invest more in the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) to enhance its effectiveness. Second, in implementing India's Indo-Pacific strategy, voices from Northeast and eastern India must be heard. Thus, beyond 'Look East' and 'Act East' lies 'Think and Relate East', especially within our own country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Steering the G-20

India assumes the G-20 presidency at a very vulnerable juncture especially after the COVID-19 crisis. The Ukraine war has only added to the economic pressure besides making world political equations all the more complicated. But this is a time for India to nurture well the opportunities that are available to it as every economy is eyeing the huge Indian economy. That it will not be a Delhi-centric event but spread across the length and the breadth of the country is a wise thought. But it should not remain an event of celebration.

Madhusree Guha,
Kolkata

Vizhinjam protests

The unrest over the construction of an international port in Vizhinjam, Kerala, is largely the result of a poor techno-economic and social cost study expected to be conducted before taking a decision to implement the project. While the project may be sound as far as its technical and economic/financial parameters are concerned, a detailed study to assess the financial and social cost of it on people living near the site whose only means of livelihood is the sea seems to have glossed over. The assessment of the social cost of the project and adequate compensation should have been made the top priority. The unrest now is a desperate attempt by those affected to bring the focus back on their plight before the project progresses further.

K. George Varghese,
Kochi

The growing protests appear to be driven by factors other than scientific reasoning. Given that there are advantages of having a port close to the major international sea route that would benefit the local community and also support economic growth, the Kerala government's resolve to "steam ahead" with the project is a bold step in the right direction.

Dr. Biju C. Mathew,
Thiruvananthapuram

Sport's healing touch

The photograph of a U.S. football player reaching out to console his counterpart from Iran (Opinion page, 'Picture of the week', December 2) was moving. In an often divided world, sport binds players and people across and within societies. The FIFA World Cup is a demonstration once again that sport is a powerful emissary of peace.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

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Additional Director General of Police Alok Kumar inspects the autorickshaw in which a blast occurred in Mangaluru on November 19. MANJUNATH H.S.

Reverberations from a blast in Mangaluru

Known for its natural beauty and mild-mannered residents, Thirthahalli town finds itself in the news for an 'Islamic terror module' allegedly put together by a group of local boys. **G.T. Sathish** and **K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj** speak to the bewildered people of the town in Karnataka as well as the officers investigating the recent cooker blast in Mangaluru

"Welcome to prosperous Malnad known for people of *sadbhava* (good thoughts) and *sajjanike* (good conduct)," reads a board at an autorickshaw stand in Thirthahalli, a picturesque town in Shivamogga district in Karnataka. Nestled in the foothills of the Western Ghats and located on the banks of the river Tunga, Thirthahalli is known for its contributions to literature and the socialist movement. Residents of the town say Hindus and Muslims have always enjoyed an interdependent social life. But over the last few weeks, Thirthahalli has been in the news for the wrong reason – specifically, for being the place from where the majority of a group accused of devising an "Islamic terror module" hail.

The suspects

On November 19, more than 130 km away from Thirthahalli in the coastal city of Mangaluru, a moving autorickshaw caught fire, causing serious injuries to both the driver and the passenger. The fire began in a pressure cooker, rigged with an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that the passenger, Mohammed Shariq, was carrying, said the police. Shariq, 24, the suspect in the case, is a wanted terror-accused from Thirthahalli. While the intended target of the IED is not known, the blast was accidentally triggered, perhaps because the explosive material heated up. Earlier this week, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) took over the case. Shariq is being treated for burn injuries and is not in a position to speak.

Shariq was earlier arrested in November 2020, along with his friend and classmate Maaz Muneer Ahmed, for scribbling pro-terror graffiti in Mangaluru. While Maaz, 24, who is also from Thirthahalli, got bail in two months, Shariq was released after eight months. This year, the Shivamogga Police again arrested Maaz and his classmate Syed Yasin, who is from Shivamogga. They alleged that the two men had carried out a trial blast of an IED on the banks of the Tunga and burnt the tricolour in September 2022. Shariq, by then, had fled Thirthahalli.

According to the police, Shariq's "immediate handler", Arafat Ali, is in Dubai. Ali is also a native of Thirthahalli. Besides Shariq, Maaz and Ali, two others from Thirthahalli – Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taha and Muzabbir Hussain – accused in the 'Al Hind Islamic State Bengaluru Terror module case', have been on the run for the past three years. The NIA has declared a reward of ₹3 lakh for information on Taha, who is suspected to be the kingpin of this alleged module.

"All the six men seem to be influenced by the ideology of the Islamic State. They were radicalised via the Internet. We have evidence to show that at least two young men were members of an Islamic State group on Telegram. We have recovered several DIY (do it yourself) videos on making IEDs, videos of a test blast they carried out, and a photo that Shariq took of himself with the IED rigged cooker before leaving for Mangaluru," said a senior police official overseeing the probe.

The Karnataka Police and the NIA have been conducting intensive searches in Thirthahalli, which is Karnataka Home Minister Araga Jnanendra's Assembly constituency. The police and sections of the media now refer to the accused in the case as "Thirthahalli Boys", similar to how the "Bhatkal Brothers" once dominated the narrative of Islamist terror.

> I am aghast when the media refers to me as the father of a terror suspect. Throughout my life I have fought against terrorists and served this country.
>
> **MANZOOR AHMED**
> Former serviceman

Families bear the brunt

Those who knew Shariq's family well in Thirthahalli spoke of his humble background. Shariq lost his mother early. He dropped out of II Pre-University (Class 12) and began helping his father in the cloth shop he had in town. Shariq often visited Mangaluru, where Maaz was studying engineering. "When he was arrested for pro-terror wall writing, his father was devastated. He tried hard to get him out," said a person known to the family for years.

Shariq's father died of cancer in July 2022. The last time he left home, in August, Shariq claimed to the family that he was going to Delhi to replenish stocks for the shop. "There was a property dispute. Shariq went missing around the time a deal to sell his father's house was to be completed. Everyone assumed that he had fled to avert the deal," said a resident of the neighbourhood. But the next time the neighbourhood heard of him was when the police arrested Maaz and Yasin. The police named Shariq as the brain behind the trial blast on the banks of the Tunga.

The NIA and the Karnataka Police said Shariq was hiding in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. He later returned to Karnataka and rented a room on the outskirts of Mysuru with a false identity for nearly two months before turning up with the IED on November 19, they said. His stepmother and sister, who identified him in the hospital, reportedly told the police that they had advised him to desist from criminal activities, but he paid no heed.

Like them, family members of the other accused spoke of the brunt they have had to bear. Maaz's father, Muneer Ahmed, a fish merchant, died of a heart attack on September 23, four days after his son was arrested. He had moved his family to Mangaluru from Thirthahalli to be with his son. Maaz's mother and sister said they still hope that he will be released with no charges against him one day.

Arafat Ali's father, Ahmed Bava, did not find enough driving assignments during the pandemic. That is when his son, who had completed a diploma in electronics at the Sahyadri Polytechnic College in Thirthahalli, left for Dubai looking for a job. The allegation against Ali is that he funded Shariq to carry out acts of terror. However, his father has a different story to tell. "I had borrowed a loan from a bank. I avoided receiving money directly in my account, as the bank could credit the amount towards the pending loan. My son had not opened an account in Dubai. With the help of a friend there, he sent money to Shariq's account. And Shariq handed me the money a couple of times," he said.

Police search the house where the Mangaluru blast-accused Mohammed Shariq lived for about two months, in Mysuru. SRIRAM M.A.

According to the police, the roots of this alleged module in Thirthahalli lie in the Al Hind terror module that was busted in January 2020. Charge sheets filed by the NIA allege that Mehboob Pasha, who ran the Al Hind Trust in Bengaluru, joined hands with Khaja Moideen, who is from Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu and who served a jail term for the murder of Hindutva leaders, to form a module that aimed to "establish an IS (Islamic State) province in the jungles of South India." The charge sheet alleges that the module was "in the advanced stages" of attempts to establish camps in the forests of Karnataka near Shivanasamudra.

While the NIA arrested 12 suspects in the case, Taha, wanted in the case, has been untraceable since January 2020. A senior official from the Karnataka Police, who probed the Al Hind module, claimed that Taha was radicalised, was high up in the hierarchy of the module, and was a catalyst in bringing together Pasha and Moideen. The NIA said he was "also associated with his online foreign handler."

> There are many closed groups on encrypted messaging platforms where those associated with the Islamic State, or even those across the border with an Islamic State front, push propaganda material.
> Senior intelligence official

Taha studied up to II Pre-University in Thirthahalli before moving to Bengaluru for a BE course in a private college in 2014. He skipped the course after two years and joined a course on networking, besides taking up work in a private telecom company, according to his family members. His father, Manzoor Ahmed, 58, served in the Army for 26 years, including at the Siachen glacier. "I am aghast when the media refers to me as the father of a terror suspect. Throughout my life I have fought against terrorists and served this country," said the former serviceman.

Ahmed suffered a heart attack when he got to know that his son Taha was accused of terror acts in 2020. The last time Taha spoke to his parents was in January that year. His phone was switched off and his mother had contacted him on his friend's phone. "He told us to take care of our health, assuring us that he will come back. Those were the last words we heard," Ahmed said.

Speaking to the media, Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Karnataka, described Arafat Ali as Mohammed Shariq's "immediate handler" and Ahmed Taha as "one level above him." Police suspect that after the Al Hind module was busted, Taha tapped into a network of radicalised youth from Thirthahalli in an attempt to put together a module of his own.

Claim of responsibility

Days after the autorickshaw blast, security agencies spotted a purported claim of responsibility for the blast by a hitherto unknown group, the Islamic Resistance Council, on a Telegram group. The group claimed that Shariq's attempt was to attack a temple in Kadri, "a bastion of the Saffron terrorists in Mangalore." The outfit offered a justification for the move, which read: "We are only retaliating because mob lynching has become a norm, because oppressive laws and legislations are passed to suppress us and interfere in our religion, because our innocents are languishing in prisons, because public spaces today reverberate with calls of our genocide and because as Muslims we have been commanded to wage Jihad when faced with mischief and oppression."

A senior intelligence officer said the credibility of this claim is yet to be established. "But the rhetoric in the claim is consistent with the pro-terror graffiti that Shariq and his two associates were accused of writing in Mangaluru. The interrogation of members of the Al Hind module also revealed the same rhetoric," he said. The Mangaluru graffiti read, "Don't force us to invite Lashkar-e-Taiba and Taliban to deal with Sanghis and Manuvadis. #LashkarZindabad."

The officer said that even if it is true that Taha is attempting to float a new outfit, the wherewithal of the module is "seriously limited," as was evident from the rudimentary IED in the autorickshaw. "It is possible that the intended target was the Kadri temple, but there is no confirmation yet. During the recent campaign by Hindutva groups against the minority community in the State, there were calls to ban Muslim traders from temple fairs and the premises around temples," said the officer.

Karnataka has seen several communal flash points and targeting of the Muslim community after the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power. Beginning with two persons being killed in police firing at the anti-Citizenship (Amendment) Act protests in Mangaluru, this targeting intensified with efforts to ban the hijab in educational institutions, an unofficial ban on Muslim traders at annual temple fairs, a call for a ban on azaan and halal meat, and even a complete economic boycott of the community. Two Hindutva activists were killed in Shivamogga and Dakshina Kannada, allegedly in at least one case by members of Popular Front of India, which eventually got proscribed. At least two Muslims were also killed in this cycle of violence.

A senior intelligence official said the nature of the security threat has changed, making monitoring a big challenge. "There are many closed groups on Telegram and several other encrypted messaging platforms where those associated with the Islamic State, or even those across the border with an Islamic State front, push propaganda material and DIY videos of bombs and explosives. The handlers of the groups do not give explosives, logistics or funds. Radicalised youth end up carrying out amateur acts like the one in Mangaluru. Even the Al Hind module, though it had a larger aim and was a bigger network with better resources, was essentially operating with a similar modus operandi," said the officer.

A challenge for the community

That is a challenge even the community seems to be facing in Thirthahalli. "Never before had our boys in Thirthahalli been involved in any terror activities," said Abdul Wahab Nadvi, a Moulana in the town. "All these boys were good and well-behaved when they were in the town. We don't know where they were misled." Religious leaders in the town masjids repeatedly promoted brotherhood and education, he said. "The recent developments have prompted religious leaders to work out plans to keep track of students when they go out of town."

Hindu and Muslim community leaders are "sensible and respect each other," a local police officer said. "The town has witnessed no incident of communal violence in the recent past. The death of a minor girl in suspicious circumstances in 2014 had led to tension for a few days. But it did not lead to clashes. When other parts of Shivamogga saw protests over the ban on the PFI or other issues, Thirthahalli stayed calm," he said.

The way the recent incidents are being portrayed in sections of the media has upset the community. "A boy from Thirthahalli studying in a top college in a big city called up his parents to express his grief over the way his friends started treating him after the recent incident. When Shariq was absconding, we prayed for his arrest, so that at least to that extent, blame on the community is reduced," a community leader said.

Taha's father said in anguish, "Relatives and other members in the town try to avoid us. I feel I have lost the respect I earned being an ex-serviceman. If my son is left with any love for his parents, younger brother and sister, he should surrender before the police and face the court. That is my only wish."

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ISRO scientist frame-up: SC quashes officials' bail

"The frame-up led to the arrest of scientists. The technology for the cryogenic engine was deliberately stalled for at least two decades... May be a larger conspiracy involving foreign powers... Grant of anticipatory bail at the threshold may harm the investigation," Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju, for the CBI, had submitted during the hearing.

The High Court, while granting anticipatory bail, had observed that there was "not even a scintilla of evidence" to suggest that the former police officers and intelligence officials were influenced by any foreign power so as to induce them to hatch a conspiracy to falsely implicate the scientists with the intention to stall the activities of the ISRO regarding the development of cryogenic engine.

The CBI had arraigned 18 people as accused in the case after the Supreme Court-appointed Justice D.K. Jain Committee found fault with them for booking cases against the scientists. The committee had also found that some of the accused were involved in the deliberate leakage of information to the media to create a narrative implicating the scientists and to arrest them without any material on record to show their involvement in the alleged espionage.

Mr. Narayanan expressed happiness over the Supreme Court order. "I am happy to hear about the Supreme Court order. Now that the matter has been reverted to the High Court, I hope that it will come out with a proper judgment," he said.

Mr. Narayanan, who was given a clean chit by the CBI, had earlier alleged that the Kerala police had "fabricated" the case and the technology he was accused to have stolen and sold in the 1994 case did not even exist at that time.

(With PTI inputs)

V-P questions the judiciary's power to 'undo' amendment

Dhankhar did not directly name the now-repealed National Judicial Appointments Commission but recalled that it was a matter of record that the Lok Sabha voted unanimously on it

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar has said that the world does not know of an instance where a Constitution provision, reflecting the will of people, can be undone by the judiciary.

Though the Vice-President did not explicitly name the Constitutional amendment, his reference was to the now repealed National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) through the 99th amendment.

Mr. Dhankhar made these remarks in the presence of Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud at the 8th L.M. Memorial Lecture, organised by the O.P. Jindal University on Friday. His comments are significant in the backdrop of war of words between the Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju and the Supreme Court over the delay in the judicial appointments.

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> **JAGDEEP DHANKAR**
> Vice-President

"In the year 2015-16, the Parliament was dealing with a Constitutional amendment Act and as a matter of record the entire Lok Sabha voted unanimously. There was no abstention and no dissension. And the amendment was passed. In Rajya Sabha it was unanimous, there was one abstention," Mr. Dhankhar said.

The NJAC – that sought to replace the collegium system of appointing judges to the higher judiciary – was passed unanimously in the Lok Sabha. However, it was struck down as unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in October 2015.

"Please find out a parallel in the world where a Constitutional provision can be undone. Our Indian Constitution provides in explicit terms Art 145 (3). Interpretation of the Constitution when a substantial question of law is involved can be done by the court. Nowhere it says that a provision can be run down," he said, adding, "I am startled that after this verdict, there was no whispering in the Parliament. It was taken as such. This is too serious an issue".

Mr. Dhankhar added that in a democracy, "the basic of the basic structure is primacy of the will of the people".

Delivering the keynote address on the role in universal adult franchise in translating India's political transformation into social transformation, Justice Chandrachud asserted that India's Constitution was a feminist document.

"The introduction of Universal Adult Franchise was a revolutionary act at a time when such a right had only recently been extended to women, people of colour, and the working-class in supposedly 'mature' Western democracies. In this sense, our Constitution was a feminist document, as well as an egalitarian socially transformative document," Justice Chandrachud said.

Talking about the importance of the right to vote, Justice Chandrachud said, "The exercise of the right to vote by citizens is an informed choice made by them. The actual realisation of one's vote is to continuously participate in democracy in everyday life... and to keep the state accountable".

Eyeing 2024, BJP gets Amarinder, Jakhar in national executive

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

The Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) on Friday appointed former Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and former Punjab Congress president Sunil Jakhar as members of the party's national executive, with its eye set on the 2024 parliamentary election.

Amarinder Singh

The party also appointed Jaiveer Shergill, the former Congress spokesperson, who a few months ago joined the BJP, as the national spokesperson. Former Congress Minister in Punjab Rana Gurmit Sodhi, who joined the BJP ahead of the 2022 Assembly election in the State, has been named as a special invitee to the executive.

Besides, former Punjab Minister Manoranjan Kalia, and Amanjot Kaur Ramoowalia, the daughter of senior Punjab politician Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, have also been named special invitees to the national executive.

The move is being seen as an attempt by the party to strengthen its political base in Punjab, where it is not very strong.

At present, the BJP has only two Members of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from Punjab – Som Prakash from the Hoshiarpur seat and Sunny Deol from the Gurdaspur constituency.

Arun Singh, the BJP national general secretary in a statement revealing the names of members of the national executive, stated that former BJP Uttar Pradesh chief Swatantra Dev Singh would also be a member of the executive.

The other special invitees to the BJP national executive include Madan Kaushik from Uttarakhand and Vishnudev Sahay from Chhattisgarh.

'Fashion for ex-judges to comment on Collegium'

The oral observation came during the hearing of an appeal filed by activist Anjali Bhardwaj, who had applied under the Right to Information (RTI) Act to the Supreme Court for a copy of the agenda, decision and resolution of a Collegium meeting held on December 12, 2018.

The court's Public Information Officer (PIO) had said the information was confidential and disclosure would amount to contempt of court. The First Appellate Authority and the Central Information Commission found that though "certain decisions" were taken on December 12, the "required consultation" did not take place and hence there was no resolution. In appeal, the Delhi High Court had concluded that the Collegium decision was probably "verbal" and did not "crystallise" into a written record to be termed 'information' under the RTI Act. On Friday, advocate Prashant Bhushan, for Ms. Bhardwaj, referred to an article by Justice Madan B. Lokur, a former Supreme Court judge, affirming there was an agenda of the Collegium meeting held on December 12 and "certain decisions" had indeed been taken.

Mr. Bhushan pointed to excerpts in the autobiography of former CJI Ranjan Gogoi on the December 12 meeting. Justice Gogoi had headed the Collegium at the time and Justice Lokur was part of that Collegium. The meeting was held to consider names for appointment to the SC and transfers of Chief Justices of High Courts. Justice Lokur had retired when the court went into winter recess soon after the December 12 meeting.

Consultations interrupted

A newly constituted Collegium, with Justice (now retired) Arun Mishra joining in, had met on January 10, 2019. A resolution published of the January 10 meeting had recorded that decisions were taken in the previous meeting, but intervening winter holidays and the reconstitution of the Collegium had interrupted consultations. The January 10, 2019 Collegium resolution had recommended Justices Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna as Supreme Court judges.

A public debate in the media had ensued at the time on why the Collegium had "dropped" its December 12, 2018 proposal to recommend Delhi High Court Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog (both are now retired) and, within days, pick then Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Maheshwari and Justice Khanna, a Delhi High Court judge. Both Justices Maheshwari and Khanna are now serving Supreme Court judges. Justice Khanna is in line to be the next Chief Justice of India according to the seniority norm.

Counsel seeks transparency

Mr. Bhushan said a "general impression" may arise that the Supreme Court, which had once upheld the RTI as a fundamental right in several of its judgments, was now "backtracking". "Transparency requires that whatever decision, if it is in writing, be disclosed to citizens. If the decision is not in writing, let the PIO say so," he argued. Mr. Bhushan asked if the decision had not been converted to writing, why did the January 2019 resolution say that "a decision was taken".

"The Supreme Court is not backtracking at all. We are the most transparent institution... An oral decision may have been taken [in the December 12, 2018 Collegium meeting]. You are not entitled to the oral decisions," Justice Shah responded. The court reserved the appeal for judgment.

The past weeks had seen Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju launch a vocal and very public criticism of the "opacity" in the functioning of the Collegium.

PM gives last-minute push to BJP in Gujarat, blasts Cong. for 'slave mentality'

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday held four rallies and a long roadshow in Ahmedabad in a last-minute push to the party's campaign ahead of the second phase of voting for 93 Assembly seats in central and north Gujarat.

Final lap: PM Narendra Modi waves to crowd during his visit to the old city of Ahmedabad on Friday. VIJAY SONEJI

In the first phase of polling on Thursday, around 63.31% turnout was registered in 89 Assembly seats, lower than the 2017 turnout of 66.79% for those seats. Given a triangular contest, a lower turnout may throw up surprise outcomes in about a dozen seats.

Campaigning for the second round of polling will end on Saturday evening, while the voting will be on December 5.

Meanwhile, on Friday, the Prime Minister accused the Congress of disowning Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and said that the party had absorbed a "slave mentality" after working with the British before Independence. He was speaking at a campaign rally at Sojitra in central Gujarat.

"The Congress has a problem not only with Sardar Patel but also with the unity of India; because their politics is based on the policy of divide and rule while Patel believed in uniting everyone. Due to this stark difference, Congress never considered Sardar Patel as their own," Mr. Modi said. "The Congress people had worked with the British for several years [ahead of Independence]. As a result, the party absorbed all the bad habits of the British, such as this policy of divide and rule and the slave mentality," he added.

Cong. chief Kharge slams BJP for being 'anti-Dalit, anti-tribal'

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Taking on the BJP in Gujarat, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the ruling party of not filling up five lakh government job vacancies in the State because half of them will go to aspirants from Dalit, tribal and other backward caste communities.

Mallikarjun Kharge

Campaigning for the second phase of Assembly polls on December 5, he said that BJP leaders, including the PM, want to polarise the electorate instead of talking about their performance in the government in the State and at the Centre.

"On one hand there is inflation and on the other hand unemployment. There is no job for the poor. All the jobs are either daily wages or contract basis. Today, five lakh posts in government and semi-government institutions are vacant in Gujarat," said Mr. Kharge, asking why those posts had not been filled up for years by the BJP government in the State. "Why don't you fill up the posts? Because if they fill these five lakh jobs, then adivasis, Scheduled Castes and backwards or OBCs will get 50% of these jobs. This is why they do not want to fill them up," he added.

Adityanath calls SP's *samajwad* 'opportunistic'

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LUCKNOW

On the penultimate day of campaigning for the high-profile bypoll battles in the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat and the Rampur Vidhan Sabha seat, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday attacked the Samajwadi Party (SP), referring to them as "opportunists".

He alleged that their *samajwad* (socialism) is no longer in the same form as that founded by Jayaprakash Narayan and Ram Manohar Lohia. "Socialism of Ramgopal Yadav was replaced by capitalism. On the other hand, Akhilesh's socialism is opportunistic," he said. Mr. Adityanath also asserted that Mainpuri wants *Ram Rajya* in which all young people, farmers, poor, sisters and daughters benefit from development programmes without discrimination.

Mainpuri battle: Samajwadi Party reaches out to Dalits; BJP campaign pins hope on anti-Yadav polarisation

GROUND REPORT

Mayank Kumar
MAINPURI

Ever since the declaration of the byelections for the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat, the urban agglomeration of Mainpuri town is witnessing visits by numerous political activists and leaders from the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

While many have stationed here, others came from neighbouring Etawah and capital Lucknow to campaign in this high-profile election necessitated following the demise of SP founder and three-time former Chief Minister Mulayam Singh. "I have not seen such a huge movement of leaders in previous elections even during the SP rule, this time MLAs are sitting in a small house for hours," said Jairam Singh, a local teacher.

In the high-pitched battle, the SP leadership is leaving no stone unturned in reaching all the villages of the parliamentary segment which is considered its citadel. Since the nomination by its candidate, Dimple Yadav, wife of the party president Akhilesh Yadav, the entire party leadership is virtually stationed in Mainpuri. "On an average, Akhilesh *Ji* is doing six to seven small meetings. It is not an ordinary election for us, it is an emotional issue for us as the seat belongs to *Netaji* [Mulayam]," senior SP leader Udayveer Singh told *The Hindu*.

Even Ms. Yadav is holding roughly half-a-dozen small meetings and door-to-door campaign among voters. Both Ms. Yadav and the party president have emphasised in their speeches that the late Mulayam never did politics of exclusion. In their daily outreach schedule, Dalit and extremely backward classes are definitely included. SP workers associated with the Dalit community are also being put in areas dominated by the Dalit and extremely backward communities. Political analysts in Mainpuri feel the special emphasis on these communities is due to their role in deciding the bypoll result.

Fortifying the citadel: SP candidate Dimple Yadav (right) during an election campaign in Mainpuri district. PTI

BSP not in fray

"Dalit votes will be crucial to decide the outcome. Jatav and other Dalit subgroups are in good numbers here. It needs to be seen whom they support, it is more or less known which side other communities will go," said Jitendra Pathak, a sociologist who teaches at B.R. Ambedkar Rajkiya Mahavidhyalaya, Mainpuri. In all the previous elections which the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), a Dalit-centric party fought, it polled more than one lakh votes and apart from the 2014 general elections it stood second in Mainpuri. The BSP is not contesting the bypoll.

The BJP, the key challenger, is pinning its hope on an anti-Yadav polarisation to demolish, what it believes, the final parliamentary citadel of the SP. Interestingly, the BJP leaders during campaign are heaping praises on the late Mulayam with Ministers like Social Welfare Minister Aseem Arun insisted on how the saffron party is giving proper representation to Dalits and Backward Classes while attacking the SP for changing the names of districts with Bahujan symbols and alleged criminal activities of SP supporters.

Out of 17 lakh voters in the constituency, roughly four lakh are Yadavs, while Shakyas, the OBC community to which the BJP's candidate Raghuraj Singh Shakya belongs, constitute roughly three lakh electorate. Traditionally till the 2014 Lok Sabha polls, the Yadavs and Shakyas have voted together with neighbouring Etawah constituency allocated by the SP to a Shakya candidate. Even Mr. Raghuraj Singh Shakya himself won two Lok Sabha elections on the same formula on the SP ticket. The relatively closer outcome of the 2019 polls, when despite being in alliance with the BSP, Mulayam was able to defeat BJP's Prem Singh Shakya by less than one lakh votes, is also giving hope to the BJP.

Assam festival celebrates Barak, Bangla relations

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The first festival celebrating the linguistic and cultural ties between the Barak Valley region of Assam and the Sylhet segment of Bangladesh began on Friday evening.

Southern Assam's Silchar town is hosting the two-day Silchar-Sylhet Festival that coincides with the 75th year of India's independence and the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bangladesh from Pakistan.

Organised by the India Foundation, the festival underlines the commonalities between India and Bangladesh, specifically the Sylheti variant of the Bengali language and the Sylheti culture.

"With the aim of revisiting the common values and shared heritage of the twin cities and their people separated by international borders, the festival will showcase tribal culture, cuisine, arts, crafts and local produce, entertainment and bring together eminent people from both sides to discuss and deliberate on issues of mutual growth and opportunity," the organisers said in a statement.

Tourist guides to front 'unique India experience' at G-20 meeting venues

Govt. takes on massive training exercise to get 1,000 guides up to speed in hospitality needs for India's presidency of the grouping; foreign language programmes on offer to stakeholders

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

One thousand tourist guides, including 146 who can speak foreign languages, would fan out across the 55 locations where G-20 meetings would be held over the next one year to facilitate the travel of foreign delegates and "ensure a unique Indian experience" for them.

With India assuming the G-20 presidency on Thursday, the government has embarked on a massive exercise to showcase India and training tourist guides or tourist facilitators is part of this process, a senior official in the Tourism Ministry told *The Hindu*.

The training of the tourist guides is being done through the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management and Regional Directors from the Ministry of Tourism.

A major part of the training would include language skill programmes in nine foreign languages like French and German. Other focus areas would be etiquette, knowledge of local attractions and monuments, cuisines, handicrafts and souvenirs.

"We want to give delegates an end-to-end experience right from the time they get down at the airport. From local attractions and cuisine to medical facilities and security, all information would be provided by these tourist guides," the official said.

Sources said apart from these 1,000 guides, the Tourism Ministry has also asked the Archaeological Survey of India to draw up a list of local monument-specific guides who would be trained as and when meetings are held in those particular cities.

The focus would be on UNESCO World Heritage Sites and the 100 Centrally-protected monuments that have been lit up for a week beginning Thursday.

Monument watch: the Centre will focus on heritage monuments as part of its 'India experience' package. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

All-inclusive effort

Training is being imparted to other stakeholders as well like customs, immigration and ground staff at airports, local administrative officers, shopkeepers, priests at heritage temples, taxi drivers and even boatmen. Training would be imparted in soft skills and communication, liaisoning to expedite problem resolution, first aid and even personal hygiene.

Training was conducted from November 20-23 in Udaipur where the first G-20 sherpa meeting would be held from December 5-7. Nearly 300 taxi drivers have also been trained in soft skills, behavioural skills and one basic foreign language like French, German and Arabic. Out of the 299 taxi and cab drivers who had been trained, 134 are women.

India's G-20 presidency a high voltage drama: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India's Presidency of G-20 nations is inevitable as the presidency was rotational but none of the countries that held the responsibility earlier staged a "high voltage drama" as is being done now, the Congress alleged on Friday.

"Previous presidents of G20 have been U.S., U.K., Canada, South Korea, France, Mexico, Russia, Australia, Turkey, China, Germany, Argentina, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Italy and Indonesia. None of these countries staged a high voltage drama as is being done around India becoming President of G20 for a year," Congress communications chief, Jairam Ramesh, said on Twitter.

"I'm reminded of what L.K. Advani said on 5.4.2014 in Gandhinagar– he called Mr. Modi a brilliant event manager. That's all there is to all the spin around G20," he said.

On Thursday, India assumed the Presidency with Prime Minister Narendra Modi making a strong pitch for "fundamental mindset shift" to benefit humanity as a whole and saying the country will work to further promote "oneness".

INBRIEF

WASHINGTON

Looking forward to support PM Modi: U.S. President Biden

Describing India as a "strong partner" of the U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday said he was looking forward to supporting his friend Prime Minister Narendra Modi during India's G-20 presidency. The U.S. President also underlined that both countries "will advance sustainable and inclusive growth while tackling shared challenges like the climate, energy, and food crises." The next G-20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10 in New Delhi. PTI

Congress strategy meet today to discuss winter session

Senior Congress leaders will meet on Saturday at the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) chairperson Sonia Gandhi's residence to discuss the party's strategy during the winter session of Parliament that gets under way on December 7. This will be the first Parliament session after Mallikarjun Kharge took charge as the Congress president on October 26. Though Mr. Kharge had resigned as the Leader of the Opposition (LoP), party sources indicated that he is likely to continue as the LoP for the winter session.

In dry Bihar, two cops, five inmates held for liquor party

In dry Bihar, two cops and five inmates were arrested for having a liquor party in the State Prohibition and Excise Department police lock-up, in Paliganj of Patna district. The incident came to light on December 1, after one of the arrested persons made a video of the liquor party and posted it on social media so that it reached the top district police officials. "How they got liquor bottles inside the police lock-up and other things are part of the further probe," Awadesh Dixit, senior police official of Paliganj said.

CPI(M) files 'hate speech' complaint against BJP's Rawal

Communist Party of India (Marxist) State secretary Mohammad Salim on Friday filed a police complaint against Bharatiya Janata Party MP Paresh Rawal for allegedly making derogatory remarks against Bengalis. Mr. Rawal, later on Twitter, tried to clarify, saying, "By Bengali, I meant illegal Bangladeshi n [and] Rohingya. But still if I have hurt your feelings and sentiments I do apologise."

Deputation policy offers chance for fresh ties between J&K and Ladakh

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Carved out into two separate Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh on August 5, 2019, the decision of the J&K administrative council, headed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, to allow its employees to opt for deputation posting in Ladakh, has provided a fresh link between the two separated regions.

In its latest order issued on Thursday by Piyush Singla, secretary to the J&K government, reads, "All proposals relating to deputation of employees to UT of Ladakh and any repatriation from said UT, shall be submitted to General Administration Department, J&K, for seeking approval of the Competent Authority in terms of the provisions of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019".

To make the offer lucrative, employees, on completion of their prescribed term in Ladakh, "will be posted to their home districts or as per their convenience", the order said.

All the administrative departments have been directed "to maintain a complete database of employees relating to their period of deputation and service in Ladakh region".

Of mutual dependence

For centuries, J&K and Ladakh have maintained strong ties through trade and deputation of manpower. Most schools in Kargil, in the past, would have teaching staff from the Kashmir valley. Trade related to poultry and meat continue to remain in the hands of Kashmiri traders in Leh district even at present.

Sajjad Kargili, a politician who contested the Lok Sabha polls prior to August 5, 2019, termed the latest move as "an official admission of the interdependence between J&K and Ladakh."

"We always demanded that till Ladakh has a recruitment agency, the J&K Public Service Commission should be allowed to hold selection for the Ladakh region," Mr. Kargilli said.

13 chargesheeted in J&K for having links with LeT offshoot

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

At the National Investigation Agency court, the Special Investigation Unit of the Jammu and Kashmir police on Friday chargesheeted 13 accused for their alleged links with The Resistance Force (TRF), an offshoot of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, active in Srinagar.

According to the police, seven accused are already lodged in different jails. "Three accused were killed in different encounters. While three others, Basit, Momin and Umais, have been absconding," they said.

The chargesheet was filed following an investigation into an encounter that took place at Parimpora between hiding militants and the security forces. The investigation revealed that the accused had links with active militants and conspired for executing terror activities in Srinagar, the police said.

Tragedy within tragedy: flight of doctors from Bhopal's main hospital leaves patients in the lurch

Shubhomoy Sikdar
BHOPAL

In early November, the Madhya Pradesh High Court had directed the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to fill the vacant posts of doctors and paramedical staff at the Bhopal Memorial Hospital & Research Centre (BMHRC) within the next 14 days.

However, till November 30, when the court was hearing the matter through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) petition regarding medical care of the Bhopal gas tragedy victims, clubbed with a contempt application, the recruitment had not been made. The ICMR told the court that it had forwarded to the Secretary, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, a proposal for improving the pay structure for doctors at the BMHRC, which was set up in 2000 for the treatment of victims of the 1984 tragedy.

The flight of doctors – including experts who are crucial for providing quality treatment to the victims of the tragedy that took place 38 years ago on the night of December 2, 1984 – at the BMHRC is now almost a decade-old issue.

The BMHRC administration refuses to divulge the numbers but an earlier letter by former Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh to Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya reveals that vacant posts of medical faculties and Specialist Grade doctors was as high as 41 (i.e., over 60%) of the 68 sanctioned posts. He further wrote that of the 18 departments, five (namely medical gastroenterology; surgical gastroenterology; nephrology; neurology; and endocrinology) had remained closed for a long time.

Without vision: BMHRC has, over the years, turned from a national-level super specialty hospital to one with an uncertain future. A.M. FARUQUI

'Serious lack of parity'

According to those working with the victims of the world's worst industrial disaster, on the one hand, there is a "serious lack of parity vis-à-vis remunerations offered by the BMHRC compared to other institutions, government or private"; on the other, there is little political will to resolve it.

"Until a decade ago, the BMHRC was recognised as a national-level super specialty hospital. Today, it is a perfect example of the lack of vision," says Purnendu Shukla, a member of the Supreme Courts Monitoring Committee for Gas Victims. Much of it, he adds, began since the entry of the ICMR into the administration in 2012 as compared to the period till 2010 when the administration was being run by a trust.

"Till then, experts used to receive a 'Private Patient Share' amount when the hospital treated non-gas victims as well. These specialists received an incentive amount, which was two-three times their salary. It was a smooth system and both gas and non-gas victims were benefited. But due to the Supreme Court's order in June 2010 to dissolve the trust and hand over the responsibility of its operation to the Central government, it was not possible to maintain such a system," says Mr. Shukla. The government did not agree to continuing such a special allowance system, he adds.

Several doctors who have left the BMHRC in recent years are posted at prominent private hospitals but the reasons are not always financial. Explains a cardiologist, who joined the BMHRC in 2013 and left six years later: "When I first joined, I was given the designation of an assistant professor and what I was eyeing was teaching and research opportunities which I considered vital for personal growth. However, there was no progress on that front and even the recruitment rules took a long time to come by," the doctor said.

In its submission before the High Court on November 30, the ICMR said that the financial implication arising from the said change (recruiting doctors with higher pay structure) would be about ₹7.17 crore per annum and that "along with the letters, a detailed justification for pay parity of BMHRC doctors with that of doctors of the AIIMS has been proposed."

Mr. Shukla says that this calculation itself had taken a long time to come by.

No answers yet

Rachna Dhingra, co-convener of Bhopal Group of Information & Action, which is one of the petitioners in the PIL petition regarding medical care of gas victims, says that in June this year, Mr. Mandaviya announced that a hospital would be set up, but she adds that is not a silver bullet. "It would take seven to eight years, what do the patients do till then. The only options till then are either they are forced to go for unaffordable treatment or are left to die. Medicines are not available, wait for scans and other procedures are long, despite a hospital exclusively meant for the gas victims," she says.

The victim families also speak about the implications they face. Aslam Qureshi, 34, who works at a printing press, is dreading that is family may have to shell out ₹15,000 for a catheter for his father Mukeem, 56. "The BMHRC could not tell us by when he will receive the catheter," he says.

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EXTENSION NOTICE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Referring to the Expression of Interest No. 3016 dated 29/10/2019, for engagement of Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) to undertake the project SAGARMALA PHASE-II under DDU-GKY convergence programme in the state of Odisha the deadline for submission of online proposals has been extended as follows;

Activity	Scheduled Time & Date	Rescheduled Date & Time
Deadline for submission of online proposals through ERP in DDUGKY website.	1st December 2022 by 5 P.M	3rd January 2023 by 5 P.M

2. The other terms and conditions with respect to the EoI remain unchanged.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Retendering for 'O&M' of Phase-1 and 'DBFOT' of Phase-2 of the 'Integrated Coastal Aquaculture Facilities' at Mulapolam Village, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh in PPP Mode

NFDB/Division-I/Mulapolam Land Development/2020-2021 **Dt. 03.12.2022**

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB); Dept. of Fisheries (DoF); Govt. of India (GoI), intends to select an experienced and capable 'Private Entity' for the 'Operation & Management' (O&M) of 'Phase-1' and Design, Build, Finance, Operate & Transfer (DBFOT) of 'Phase-2' of the **Coastal Aquaculture Facilities** proposed in **70.00 Acres** of 'Beachfront Land Parcel' with Fresh Water, Seawater & Brackish Water Resources with an estimated 'Project Cost' of **Rs.120.00 Crores** at Mulapolam, Srikakulam Dist., Andhra Pradesh in PPP Mode.

Issue of RFP Document:	Submission of Bids: Online Only
RFP Document can be downloaded from www.nfdb.gov.in; www.dof.gov.in; and https://www.eprocure.gov.in **from 02.12.2022 till 31.12.2022**	Bidders shall upload their bids 'Online' at the 'GoI' **eProcurement Portal: https://www.eprocure.gov.in** on or before **02.01.2023 (2nd January, 2023)** before **16.00 Hrs (IST)**
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Amendments/Addendum/Corrigendum to the RFP, if any, shall be posted only on the NFDB Website: www.nfdb.gov.in; Dept. of Fisheries Website: www.dof.gov.in; and Govt. of India eProcurement Portal: https://www.eprocure.gov.in

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Chief Executive, NFDB

INBRIEF

ED quizzes Nora Fatehi in Sukesh Chandrasekhar case

The Enforcement Directorate on Friday once again questioned Bollywood actor Nora Fatehi in connection with the money laundering probe against Sukesh Chandrasekhar and others. Ms. Fatehi had earlier told the ED that the alleged conman's wife Leena Maria Paul had invited her to a charity event at a luxury hotel in Chennai in December 2020 and was given an iPhone and a Gucci bag. A BMW car was given to her brother-in-law, who disposed it of in February last year. Earlier, the agency had named Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez in a supplementary chargesheet filed before a Special Court in the same case.

Johnson & Johnson has adhered to requirements: HC

The Bombay High Court on Friday observed that *prima facie*, Johnson & Johnson company adhered to all legal requirements while manufacturing baby powder at their plant, in Mumbai. A Division Bench of Justices S.V. Gangapurwala and S.G. Chapalgaonkar received three reports from laboratories in sealed envelopes, two of which found that the powder samples complied with the prescribed pH value. The court has permitted the company to manufacture the product at its own risk and directed the FDA to send fresh samples of the baby powder from the Mulund facility to the three laboratories for testing.

Seven killed as limestone mine collapses in Chhattisgarh

Seven persons were killed after some portion of a limestone mine collapsed on them at their village in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh on Friday, the police said. The deceased included six women. The incident took place in Maalgaon village under Nagarnar police station area, around 12 km away from Jagdalpur, the headquarters of the district, a police official said. "The victims were digging the soil in the mine when a part of it caved in, due to which they got trapped under the debris," he said. Soon after being alerted, police personnel rushed to the spot and launched the rescue operation, he added. PTI

Classmates rape girl in Mumbai school, case filed

Two boys raped their 13-year-old classmate inside a classroom of their civic-run school in Matunga area of Mumbai, after which the police registered a case against them, an official said on Friday. The incident took place on Monday, he said. "The girl was sexually assaulted by her two classmates when the other students stepped out of the classroom for dance practice. The two accused indulged in the crime by taking advantage of the situation," an official at the Matunga police station said. The victim and the accused are Class 8 students. "The incident left the girl shaken and she shared her ordeal with her family, who immediately lodged a complaint against the accused," the official said. PTI

After complaints, Centre set to prioritise wages for MGNREGS site supervisors

Under new system, State governments need to clear payments to the supervisors before distributing funds to vendor bills; reports on day-wise pendency are to be generated

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Heeding to persistent complaints from Mates or site supervisors that their wages under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) are inordinately delayed, the Union Rural Development Ministry has devised a protocol to prioritise payment to mates.

Under the MGNREGS, wages of unskilled workers have to be paid within 15 days and if there is a delay, the Centre has to compensate them. Mates – who are the frontline supervisors of the programme – are listed as semi-skilled workers because of the specialist nature of their job. What should have been a leg-up for them has unfortunately ended up being a complication.

Their wages come from the "material component", 60% of which is paid by the Union government. This component is now being released erratically, caught up in bureaucratic delays and chronic fund crunch.

Guaranteed income: Under MGNREGS, wages of unskilled workers must be paid within 15 days. BISWARANJAN ROUT

Owing to the delay, in many States, the mates have started listing themselves as unskilled workers to get the wages on time. The difference in wages as compared to the unskilled workers is usually minor and they can beat the delay in the payments for semi-skilled workers, which can go up to a year.

The Ministry, to resolve this bind, has streamlined the process by which the attendance and wages of the mates are recorded.

"The muster roll for mates must be issued soon after generating muster roll for unskilled workers. In the software, all other options will be disabled till this is done. It is also proposed that reports on day-wise pendency in the payment to mates may also be generated," a senior official said.

Since mate payments are made under the "material component", State governments often clear the vendor bills related to supply of raw material for the construction before clearing mates' payments.

"The main intervention is that the States will have to clear the payments for the mates, before they can distribute the funds to the vendors," the official added.

A State government official though said this "is only a half-measure".

"Ideally the mates' wages should be completely delinked with the material component. Even with the new system, we will have to wait for funds for the material component," an official of Rajasthan Rural Development Department said.

Security personnel inspecting the site after an explosion at the Ludhiana district court complex in December 2021. PTI

NIA arrests Ludhiana court blast accused at Delhi's IGI airport

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested the main accused Harpreet Singh in connection with the Ludhiana court blast in December last year.

Harpreet Singh, alias "Happy Malaysia", a resident of Amritsar in Punjab, was arrested soon after he landed at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport from Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in the early hours of Thursday, the NIA said.

The Ludhiana police registered the case on December 23, 2021. The NIA took over the probe on January 11. The agency found that Harpreet, an associate of Pakistan-based International Sikh Youth Federation chief Lakhbir Singh Rode, was one of the alleged conspirators.

Acting on Rode's directions, Harpreet allegedly coordinated the delivery of the improvised explosive device (IED), which had been sent from Pakistan to his India-based associates, that was used in the blast, which claimed one life and left several injured.

"The arrested accused was also involved and wanted in various cases, including smuggling of explosives, arms, and narcotics. Earlier, the NIA had declared a reward of ₹10 lakh on Harpreet Singh," said the agency. Earlier, a non-bailable warrant from the Special NIA court had been issued against Harpreet and a look-out circular was opened.

(With PTI inputs)

Poonawalla undergoes post-narco interview

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Aftab Poonawalla on Friday underwent the post-narco test inside the Tihar jail, sources said.

A post-narco test is like an interview where experts crosscheck the responses an accused gave by telling him or her the responses he gave in the polygraph and narco tests.

Four members from FSL Rohini went to the jail for the test at around 11 a.m. and the same went on till around 2 p.m., officials said.

"Aftab has completed all the formalities related to the narco test and we will submit a report to the police within a few days," a senior FSL officer said.

Aftab had undergone a narco test on Thursday at the Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital here.

India, U.S. hold frank discussions on social challenges, says diplomat

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India and the United States have been holding "frank discussions" on "social challenges" for a "long time", Ambassador Elizabeth Jones, Charge d'Affaires in the Embassy of the United States in New Delhi, said on Friday.

At a round table with media representatives, Ms. Jones responded to questions on a wide range of issues including communally charged speeches in the ongoing State-level election campaigns in India, and said given the "gigantic" volume of bilateral trade, there is no requirement now for a trade pact between the two sides.

"India-U.S. relations permit us to have frank discussions regarding social challenges. In the United States, treatment of ethnic, racial, and religious minorities attracts a lot of attention – just as it does here. We can learn from each other, I believe, about how to promote tolerant behaviour among diverse communities because we have similar experiences and similar challenges in those social areas," said Ms. Jones, who is the face American diplomacy in India right now.

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> **ELIZABETH JONES**
> Charge d'Affaires in the Embassy of the United States in New Delhi

Responding to a question from *The Hindu*, Ms. Jones commented on the use of hate speech and communally inflammatory remarks as witnessed during the current State-level elections in India and said, "We talk of this (with India) perpetually. We discuss both easy and difficult issues. We have been discussing this for a long time and will continue to do so."

A recent report of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom had urged the State Department to designate India as a "country of particular concern". Ms. Jones said the USCIRF is not an executive arm and that it is "free to write whatever report they write, and we are free to deal with it in whatever way we like".

With regard to U.S. visa issuance, the diplomat said that the U.S. government has issued 82,000 student visas to Indian nationals during the summer of 2022 and that the U.S. government is currently recruiting many consular officials out of which several will be posted to India.

When asked about the Chinese objection to the India-U.S. joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' that was held in the Uttarakhand Himalayas, Ms. Jones said, "It is none of their business".

The senior envoy said the recent defence equipment supplies meant for the F16 fleet of Pakistan Air Force were "not upgrades" and that the threats from China are something "that is for India to talk about."

CBI arrests man for blackmailing U.S. professor

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The CBI has arrested a person on the allegation of his involvement in the "sextortion" of a professor at a prominent university in the United States. The accused, Rahul Kumar, is a resident of Asola in Delhi.

"The victim was allegedly lured through a facebook profile to extract sexually explicit images during video chatting with a view to blackmail...during video chat, victim was lured into sending sexually-explicit videos which were recorded," said the CBI.

According to the agency, Rahul started sending extortion threats to the victim using the email accounts related to the said sexually-explicit video chat, demanding money via Paypal account.

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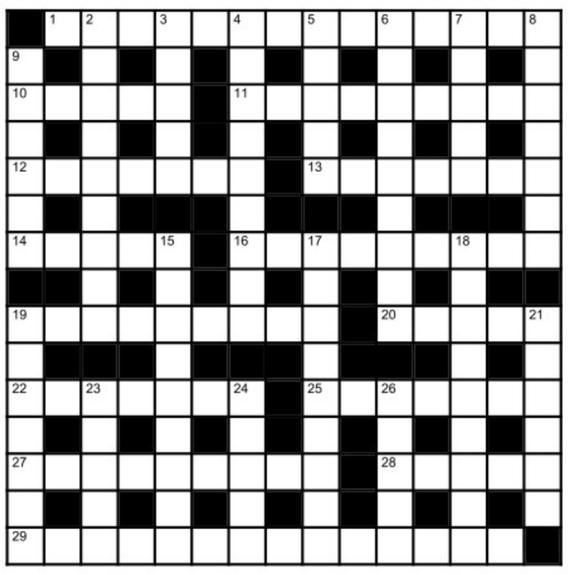

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10 Inmates drenched, some had returned anoraks (5)
11 Love even Latin characters (9)
12 Starts with pretty elegant shirt, becomes a fashionista (7)
13 An ancient empire torn apart - the centre of this annexed (7)
14 Saw some coming back from the bottom (5)
16 I denounce a poor capital (9)
19 Choice over the French fashion - Chanel ultimately is the one to follow (4,5)
20 Girl has interest in returning to the plant (5)
22 Support and close the rear (4,3)
25 Bill's essentially fine with state (7)
27 Other tune composed to that (9)
28 Medication not started for these native Americans (5)
29 Dickens's work, missing a song of rejoicement (9,5)

Down

2 Growing upward from Cleopatra, perhaps (9)
3 Composer asked for a table (5)
4 Ignore the upcoming study about pests (5,4)
5 40% light - input has gone up from bulb (5)
6 He doesn't know essential form filling - amusing in a way (9)
7 Temperature's elevated in this part of the body (5)
8 Stone and plastic dealer, raking in millions (7)
9 Song about 'The Man' (6)
15 Measuring instruments are there, so move over a short distance (9)
17 Amused to see corrupt getting promoted, keeping quiet on inducements offered (9)
18 Do abstain from resorting to torture (9)
19 Joe, say picks first ball nice in the middle, it's automatic (7)
21 Songs for the skipper, as they say in Germany (6)
23 Open with club King (5)
24 Material dug up (5)
26 Instrument carried by William is breached (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Seeking alms, difficult job

What is the most difficult job in this world? Elders say that seeking alms is very pathetic and miserable.

In Yakshaprasna in the Mahabharatha – a question-answer dialogue between the King of Righteousness incognito as Yaksha and Yudhistira, one of the questions posed by Yaksha to Yudhistira is which is the place even air will not get into. Yudhistira replied that the air will be afraid of even going near a beggar fearing that he would ask it for any alms. One has to pledge one's self esteem for the same.

Those who want to live only for themselves are grouped in the last stratum, those who think that besides themselves others should also live co-extensively are categorised in the middle level. But those who think that even if they suffer, others should live are considered the great.

At the request of all celestial beings, Lord Vishnu took the incarnation of Vamana – a dwarf form. He is the richest of the universe, keeping His divine consort, in-charge of all treasures, Goddess Mahalakshmi in His heart. How much it would have pained Him to take the form of a young celibate to beg to king Mahabali. The king refused the advice of his guru and said he was proud that God Himself came and begged to him.

Sri Andal says in her divine hymns Tiruppavai that God is the supreme most and He measured the whole world with His feet for the sake of others. We learn from Vamana avathara that we can resort to even begging to do good to others and from King Mahabali we learn that we should give alms to the right and deserving people alone, said Trichy Sri Kalyanaraman in a discourse.

LOS ANGELES

Elon Musk suspends Kanye West from Twitter after swastika post

AP

Elon Musk kicked Kanye West off Twitter on Friday "for incitement to violence," after the rapper posted a picture that appeared to show a swastika interlaced with a Star of David. The post came hours after an interview with conspiracy theorist Alex Jones, in which Mr. West sparked outrage by declaring his "love" of Nazis. AFP

WASHINGTON

B-21 Raider, Pentagon's new stealth bomber, debuted after 30 years

AP

America's newest nuclear stealth bomber is making its public debut after years of secret development and as part of the Pentagon's answer to rising concerns over a future conflict with China. The B-21 Raider is the first new American bomber aircraft in more than 30 years. Almost every aspect of the program is classified. AP

KABUL

Two militants killed in attack on Afghan politician's headquarters

AP

Three unidentified militants detonated a car bomb on Friday and tried to storm the headquarters of an Afghan party headed by veteran politician Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, officials said. An official with the Hizb-e-Islami party told *AFP* two attackers were killed as they tried to enter the Kabul building and a third escaped. AFP

PARIS

Women join protests in Zahedan, Iran's conservative southeast city

AFP

Women in Iran's Sistan-Baluchistan province on Friday joined nationwide protests sparked by Mahsa Amini's death, in what a rights group called a "rare" move in the staunchly conservative southeastern region. Online videos showed dozens of women on the streets of the provincial capital Zahedan holding banners. AFP

Pakistan's Kabul embassy targeted

Agence France-Presse
KABUL

A security guard was wounded on Friday by shots fired at Pakistan's Embassy in Kabul in what PM Shehbaz Sharif called "an assassination attempt" on the head of the mission.

"I demand immediate investigation & action against perpetrators of this heinous act," he tweeted.

Although Pakistan does not officially recognise Afghanistan's Taliban government, it kept its Embassy open even after the Taliban takeover, and maintains a full diplomatic mission.

An embassy official said a lone attacker "came behind the cover of houses and started firing".

"The Ambassador and all the other staff are safe, but we are not going outside of the embassy building as a precaution," he said.

A spokesman for Afghanistan's Foreign Ministry said they strongly condemned the "failed attack". "The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan will not allow any malicious actors to pose a threat to the security of diplomatic missions in Kabul," it said.

U.S. names al-Qaeda unit, Pak. Taliban as terrorists

Four members of the TTP and al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent were designated as 'global terrorists'; the U.S. move would trigger sanctions against the outfits and their leaders

Associated Press
ISLAMABAD

The U.S. has added a key anti-Pakistani militant group and its al-Qaeda branch to its list of "global terrorists," triggering sanctions against the groups amid a resurgence of militant violence in this Islamic nation.

Both groups operate from Afghanistan, but they have hideouts in Pakistan's former tribal regions in the northwest and elsewhere as well.

Thursday's announcement by the State Department comes days after the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, known as TTP, ended a months-long ceasefire with Pakistan and resumed attacks across the country.

The threat issued by the TTP forced Pakistani authorities to take additional measures, and security was tight on orders from the Interior Ministry outside worship and other public places on Friday amid fears of more attacks. The TTP has asked its fighters to target security forces across the country. Pakistani Taliban were behind the 2014 attack on a Peshawar school that killed 147 people, mostly schoolchildren.

At loggerheads: Pakistani Taliban patrolling the Shawal in Pakistani tribal region of South Waziristan. FILE PHOTO

The State Department said on Wednesday it designated the TTP and al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent as "Specially Designated Global Terrorists."

Counter-terror tools

The agency's statement said the U.S. is "committed to using its full set of counterterrorism tools to counter the threat posed by terrorist groups operating in Afghanistan, including al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan (TTP)" to keep militants from using Afghanistan as "a platform for international terrorism."

"As a result of these actions," the statement said, "all property and interests in property of those designated (Thursday) that are subject to U.S. jurisdiction are blocked, and all U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in any transactions with them."

The U.S. also named four members of TTP and al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent – Osama Mehmood, the head of the al-Qaeda branch; Yahya Ghouri, the deputy chief of al-Qaeda's branch; and Muhammad Maruf, who is responsible for recruitment for the group. It also designated the TTP's leader, Qari Amjad, who oversees militant attacks in northwest Pakistan.

In a statement, the TTP denounced the U.S. measures, describing it as a "sad" announcement. It asked Washington not to interfere in the affairs of other countries. The group said it did not need the use of Afghan soil for attacks in Pakistan, where the TTP claimed it enjoyed the backing of tribal people.

The latest measures by the State Department come days after Pakistan's new Army chief, Gen. Asim Munir, took command of the military amid a spike in militant attacks on security forces and police in the country.

Victory speech: Samantha Dixon makes a speech after winning the Chester byelection following the count in Chester, on Friday. AP

Tories do poorly in first electoral test for U.K. PM Rishi Sunak

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K.'s Conservative party was dealt a significant blow by Labour in a byelection in the City of Chester parliamentary constituency, the party's first electoral test since PM Rishi Sunak's appointment on October 25.

Labour's Samantha Dixon, a local government Councillor, secured just above 61% of the vote, versus NHS nurse and Conservative candidate Liz Wardlaw's 22.4%. The Lib Dem candidate, Rob Herd, secured 8.37% of the vote.

The Tory vote share fell from 38% in the previous election in 2019, while Labour saw a 13.76 % swing towards it. The parliamentary seat had become vacant after Labour's Chris Matheson resigned after a House of Commons panel found he had engaged in sexual misconduct with a junior staffer.

"They [Chester voters] are angry with the Conservatives who have crashed the economy... the sleaze that has engulfed them, the constant bickering and not being able to get Britain moving again," Deputy Labour leader Angela Rayner told the *BBC*.

The Conservatives have been in power since 2010 and Mr. Sunak is the fifth Tory Prime Minister, who was appointed after his predecessor Liz Truss resigned weeks after she came to office, following a 'mini Budget' that was rejected by the markets. The U.K. faces the highest inflation it has seen in over four decades, a cost of living crisis, and the beginnings of a recession.

Saudi Arabia extends $3 bn deposit term to Pakistan

Reuters
CAIRO

Saudi Arabia on Friday extended the term of a $3 billion deposit it made to Pakistan's foreign reserves, state news agency *SPA* and Pakistan's central bank said. Saudi Arabia deposited the money in Pakistan's central bank late last year as a loan to shore up the cash-strapped country's reserves. The central bank reserves stood at $7.5 billion as of November 25 this year. Too low to cover more than a month of imports, the reserves together with a widening current account deficit have threatened a balance of payment crises for the South Asian economy, which has to make another $1 billion bond payment next week.

The money has contributed to meeting external sector challenges, the bank said.

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Relief in China as cities announce easing of some COVID measures

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Several Chinese cities on Friday announced measures to ease some COVID-19 restrictions even as cases continued to rise, in a marked departure from Beijing's "zero-COVID" playbook of the past three years.

The measures followed Chinese Vice-Premier and top COVID official Sun Chunlan chairing a meeting with National Health Commission officials on Wednesday, during which for the first time the "declining pathogenicity" of the Omicron variant was emphasised. That phrase was on Thursday and Friday highlighted widely by state media outlets, in a shift from past messaging that described COVID-19 as a life-threatening disease that necessitated stringent measures.

The moves to ease restrictions came after protests across China, including in Shanghai and Beijing and across more than 50 college campuses, on the weekend of November 26-27, with growing calls to end lockdowns that have borne heavy economic and social costs, particularly with harsher recent measures to deal with the spread of more transmissible variants. Lockdowns have also weighed heavily on the country's economic growth in the fourth quarter of the year, with growing pressure to open up to boost the economy.

Getting jabbed: People line up for vaccination against COVID-19 in Beijing. China will started its inoculation drive for the elderly in an attempt to reduce the number of severe cases. GETTY IMAGES

No PCR tests

On Friday, Beijing, Guangzhou and Chengdu announced easing of some restrictions despite continuing to report an increasing number of cases. Beijing said residents will no longer require 48 hour-PCR tests to access public transport, a major change in policy. The city government also announced an end to routine mass testing, saying people who stay at home no longer need to take regular tests.

Guangzhou, which has seen violent clashes between locked down residents and police in some districts, announced the reopening of many businesses and resumption of dine-in services in low-risk areas, the Communist Party-run *Global Times* reported, adding that some cities have also begun to allow close contacts of positive cases to isolate at home rather than be quarantined, as was required under the zero-COVID policy.

The moves appeared to suggest the start of the diversion of medical resources from lockdowns and mass testing to focusing on positive cases, particularly among the elderly.

"When some medical resources are partly released by those optimised measures, they can be focused on treating severe cases and pushing forward inoculation, especially among the elderly," leading respiratory diseases expert Wang Guangfa of the Peking University First Hospital, told the *Global Times*.

A full return to normalcy is not, however, expected imminently. The government fears mass deaths and a collapse of its medical system should all restrictions be removed, particularly with a large elderly population.

In coming months, a stepped up vaccination campaign for the elderly is expected, with only 40% of the above-80 population having completed the three doses of Chinese vaccines required to prevent severe cases. Authorities plan to cover 90% of this age group with at least one dose by end-January, up from the current 76%.

Putin open to talks on Ukraine: Kremlin

Reuters
KYIV

The U.S., while looking to hold Russia accountable for damages in Ukraine, is also holding out an olive branch to Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin is "open to negotiations" on Ukraine but the West must accept Moscow's demands, the Kremlin said on Friday, a day after U.S. President Joe Biden said he was willing to talk if Putin were looking for a way to end the war.

Mr. Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron said after talks at the White House on Thursday that they would hold Russia to account for its actions in Ukraine but the U.S. president also appeared to hold out an olive branch to Moscow while stressing he saw no sign of any change in Mr. Putin's stance.

Mr. Biden has not spoken directly with Putin since Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24.

EU to impose price cap on Russian crude

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

The European Union will join the G-7 powers in imposing a $60-per-barrel price cap on Russian oil, the Polish ambassador to the bloc said on Friday, three days ahead of an EU embargo on imports by sea. Poland had delayed approving the adoption of the plan while it pushed for a lower price ceiling and tough new sanctions to punish Russia for its war against Ukraine and starve its military of funds.

The European Union presidency, currently held by the Czech Republic, confirmed that member state ambassadors had reached agreement on the price cap and that the decision would enter into force when published in the EU official journal this weekend. The oil price cap will run alongside the EU's ban on imports of Russian oil.

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S. No.	Description	Previous Date & Time	Amended Date & Time
1.	Pre-Bid conference Date	21.11.2022 11.00 AM	30.11.2022 11.00 Am
2.	Bid Download/Submission Start Date & time	30.11.2022 4.00 PM	09.12.2022 4.00 PM
3.	Bid Submission End Date	12.12.2022 6.00 PM	20.12.2022 6.00 PM
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INBRIEF

Maruti Suzuki to increase vehicle prices from January

Maruti Suzuki India will increase the prices of its vehicles 'substantially' from next month as it looks to offset the impact of rising input costs and make provisions to update the model range to conform to stricter emission norms kicking in from April 2023. In a regulatory filing on Friday, the carmaker said it continued to witness increased cost pressure driven by overall inflation and recent regulatory requirements. PTI

'India's smart TV shipments grew 38% in Sept. quarter'

India's smart TV market recorded a 38% year-on-year growth in shipments during the July-September quarter, mainly driven by festive season supplies, multiple new launches, discount events, and promotions, Counterpoint Research said in a report. Global brands led India's smart TV segment with a 40% share, followed by Chinese brands with a 38% share. Indian brands showed the fastest growth, doubling their share to 22% of the total shipments. PTI

GroupM's Prasanth Kumar elected AAAI president

Prasanth Kumar, CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt. Ltd. was elected as the president of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for the year 2022-23 at the association's annual general body meeting.

Rana Barua, Group CEO, Havas Group India, was unanimously elected the vice-president of the association. Immediate past president Anupriya Acharya will be the ex-officio member of the AAAI Board for 2022-23, the association said in a statement.

Bank credit grew almost 17% in fortnight to Nov. 18: RBI

Central bank data shows deposit growth was 9.3% with overall base ₹177.15 lakh crore as on November 18; overall deposits in the system declined marginally during the fortnight

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Indian banking system's outstanding credit grew by 16.96% for the fortnight ended November 18, the Reserve Bank said on Friday.

The bank credit grew to ₹133.29 lakh crore for the fortnight ended November 18 as against ₹113.96 lakh crore on November 19, 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said.

The deposit growth came at 9.30%, with the overall base ₹177.15 lakh crore as on November 18, as against ₹162.06 lakh crore in the year-earlier period, the central bank said.

Credit engine humming

Current fiscal has seen a steady rise in demand for loans spurred by economic growth, borrowers' shift to banks

- Bank credit grew to ₹133.29 lakh cr. for fortnight to Nov. 18, from ₹113.96 lakh cr. on Nov. 19, 2021
- Even as banks jostle to raise funds via deposits to finance lending, total deposits slid over the two-week period from ₹177.88 lakh cr. on Nov. 4

- In FY22, bank credit expanded by 8.59% and deposits by 8.94%

Interestingly, amid a war for deposits in the system as banks jostle to raise funds to meet the elevated credit growth, the overall deposits in the system declined marginally during the fortnight from the ₹177.88 lakh crore as on November 4.

Credit growth quickens

The current fiscal has seen a steady rise in credit growth driven by a variety of reasons, including economic growth and borrowers' shift to banks from other credit substitutes amid rising interest rates.

In FY2021-22, bank credit rose 8.59% and deposits by 8.94%.

Stocks snap 8-day rally; Sensex, Nifty slip over 0.6%

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MUMBAI

Equity benchmark indices ended lower on Friday, halting their eight-day rally, amid a weak trend in global markets.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 415.69 points, or 0.66%, to settle at 62,868.50. The broader NSE Nifty dipped 116.40 points, or 0.62%, to end at 18,696.10.

Among the Sensex pack, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hindustan Unilever, Maruti, Nestle, HDFC and Asian Paints led the losses.

U.S. job growth was strong in November

Reuters
WASHINGTON

U.S. employers hired more workers than expected in November and increased wages despite mounting worries of a recession, but that will probably not stop the Federal Reserve from slowing the pace of its interest rate hikes starting this month.

The Labor Department's closely watched employment report on Friday also showed about 1,86,000 people left the labor force last month, keeping the unemployment rate steady at 3.7%. Labor market tightness and strength keeps the Fed on its monetary policy tightening path at least through the first half of 2023.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell said on Wednesday the U.S. central bank could scale back the pace of its rate increases "as soon as December". Fed officials meet on Dec. 13 and 14.

"The Fed has more work to do and we look for further 50 basis points rate hikes in December and February, with the potential for tightening needing to go... longer," said James Knightley, chief international economist at ING.

Reliance makes rare buy of Russian naphtha

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India's Reliance Industries, operator of the world's largest refining complex, is snapping up Russian refined fuels, including rare purchases of naphtha, after some Western buyers stopped Russian imports, trade flows data from Refinitiv showed.

India imported about 4,10,000 tonnes of naphtha, used for making petrochemicals, in Sept.-Oct., of which Reliance received about 1,50,000 tonnes.

India said to continue buying Russian oil

Reuters
NEW DELHI

India will continue buying Russian oil because sanctions allow purchases provided that Western services are not used, an oil ministry source said on Friday.

The comment comes a day after European Union governments tentatively agreed on a $60 a barrel price cap on Russian seaborne oil, which comes into effect on December 5.

The cap, an idea proposed by the Group of Seven (G7) nations, is aimed at limiting funding for Russia's invasion of Ukraine while maintaining adequate oil supplies for the global market.

India has emerged as the largest buyer of Russian oil behind China as refiners snap up discounted crude shunned by Western nations.

Indian refiners would continue to lift Russian oil beyond January 19, the oil ministry source added.

Vessels of Russian petroleum that are loaded before December 5 and unloaded at their destination before January 19, will not be subject to the price cap, the U.S. said last month.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	62,869	-0.65
US Dollar	81.33	-0.08
Gold	54,195	0.96
Brent oil	86.91	-2.32

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3922.50	7.40
Adani Ports	888.20	-2.35
Apollo Hosp	4871.45	95.75
Asian Paints	3143.45	-35.90
Axis Bank	905.15	1.30
Bajaj Auto	3659.35	-48.25
Bajaj Finserv	1642.65	3.85
Bajaj Finance	6675.75	-72.00
Bharti Airtel	848.65	0.05
BPCL	341.10	2.50
Britannia Ind	4432.90	31.65
Cipla	1114.35	-10.55
Coal India	226.60	0.50
Divis Lab	3381.25	-27.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4510.40	36.05
Eicher Motors	3331.85	-105.60
Grasim Ind	1819.65	19.70
HCL Tech	1135.55	-0.85
HDFC	2665.30	-35.65
HDFC Bank	1607.10	-12.40
HDFC Life	589.85	-6.60
Hero MotoCorp	2820.45	-51.35
Hindalco	461.10	-2.30
Hind Unilever	2615.10	-47.75
ICICI Bank	930.60	-9.60
IndusInd Bank	1178.70	4.80
Infosys	1637.90	-19.20
ITC	337.15	-2.40
JSW Steel	743.05	-3.25
Kotak Bank	1930.80	-3.50
L&T	2085.50	-18.75
M&M	1264.60	-28.85
Maruti Suzuki	8815.85	-142.30
NestleIndia	19751.20	-298.30
NTPC	172.15	-0.05
ONGC	140.90	0.85
PowerGrid Corp	219.80	-2.10
Reliance Ind	2722.15	-1.15
SBI Life	1295.15	4.40
State Bank	607.55	-0.55
Sun Pharma	1040.00	-6.45
TataConsumerProduct	795.55	-17.65
Tata Motors	435.40	-2.85
Tata Steel	112.00	1.25
TCS	3439.15	-36.50
Tech Mahindra	1114.75	13.25
Titan	2617.90	-20.80
UltraTech Cement	7237.05	-36.95
UPL	783.70	4.85
Wipro	412.40	-1.30

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 02

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.12	81.44
Euro	85.39	85.76
British Pound	99.52	99.96
Japanese Yen (100)	60.52	60.76
Chinese Yuan	11.55	11.59
Swiss Franc	86.85	87.21
Singapore Dollar	60.10	60.35
Canadian Dollar	60.36	60.62
Malaysian Ringitt	18.49	18.58
Australian Dollar	55.32	55.54

Source:Indian Bank

'Sugar output rose to 47.9 lakh tonnes in Oct.-Nov.'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Sugar production increased marginally to 47.9 lakh tonnes in the October-November period as against 47.2 lakh tonnes in the corresponding period last year, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA).

Sugar marketing year runs from October to September. The number of operating factories were also higher at 434 against 416 which operated last year on the corresponding date.

Otis India unveils Gen3 smart elevators

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Otis India has unveiled the Gen3 range of smart elevators with round-the-clock real-time tracking of elevator performance.

"The Gen3 connected elevator addresses the aspirations of the country as India gains global recognition as a digital economy," said Sebi Joseph, president, Otis India.

"The Gen3 will be manufactured at our Bengaluru factory," he said.

"Most of the vertical transportation requirements for India are supplied from the Bengaluru factory in line with Make in India," Mr. Joseph added.

The Gen3 is suited for commercial, residential, hospitals, hotels, retail, and infrastructure segments, he said. Otis had installed the first elevator in India in 1892.

TRST Score to raise $5 mn for business expansion

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tech start-up TRST Score said it is planning to raise $5 million to grow business exponentially and to help firms mitigate human risk.

"We are planning to raise $5 million," said Sudhakar Raja, the founder and CEO of the human risk mitigation platform. "With this funding, we will be able to expand further, onboard more clients, and upgrade our AI and natural language processing systems," he added.

Mercedes-Benz unveils GLB, EQB 7-seater luxury SUVs

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Mercedes-Benz India has introduced two luxury sport utility vehicles (SUVs) – the GLB and EQB – to broad base its product offerings.

The introductory pricing for the GLB 200 is ₹63.8 lakh, GLB 220d ₹66.8 lakh, GLB 220d 4MATIC ₹69.8 lakh and the EQB 300 4MATIC ₹74.5 lakh (all India ex-showroom).

The EQB will come with a complimentary AC Wallbox charger and is the third all-electric vehicle introduced this year, according to the company.

MD & CEO Martin Schwenk and MD & CEO designate Santosh Iyer unveiling the GLB.

Martin Schwenk, MD & CEO, Mercedes-Benz India, said, "Both these SUVs are highly versatile, spacious and ideal for large nuclear families requiring extra space and pair of seats, for the pre-teens or even pets." "They can seat up to seven passengers and offer a choice of space configurations while also being able to navigate rough terrain effortlessly," he said.

Three power trains

"For the first time, we are offering three powertrains - a petrol, diesel, and an electric - for our customers," the CEO said. "The launch of the EQB is also a significant step towards our vision of transitioning to a climate neutral fleet gradually, with four luxury EVs in the Mercedes-Benz India portfolio," he added.

BoB Chennai sanctions ₹134 cr. of agri loans in T.N.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Bank of Baroda (BoB) Chennai Zone has sanctioned ₹134 crore of agriculture loans to about 20,000 farmers in Tamil Nadu in 15 days.

As part of the fifth edition of 'Baroda Kisan Pakhwada', a nationwide annual farmer outreach programme, BoB organised meets from November 15 to 30 and reached out to 20,000 farmers across T.N. with agri-related loan products, the lender said.

Sport

Straka in joint lead with three others

HERO CHALLENGE

Ashwin Achal
NASSAU

Sepp Straka planned to play a friendly Ryder Cup style competition this week. That was until he got a call on Monday, informing him that he will replace an injured Tiger Woods in the Hero World Challenge (HWC).

Straka was happy to take the opportunity. In the first round here at Albany on Thursday, the Austrian shot a three-under 69 to take the joint lead alongside three others – Collin Morikawa, Viktor Hovland and Tom Kim.

"I found out Monday around lunchtime. I was about to play some golf back in Birmingham – we've got like a little Ryder Cup-style event that we play just amongst the pros over there. That was supposed to be Tuesday-Wednesday. I've always watched this tournament, and it's an honour to be here," Straka said after the round.

Creating a flutter: Straka, who replaced an injured Woods, began well. AFP

Hovland hit the shot of the day – nearly making an albatross on the par-4 14th hole. Hovland unleashed a powerful drive on the 276-yard hole, and nearly sank it. The Norwegian made the easy putt for an eagle. Hovland could have finished with the sole lead, if not for a bogey on the 16th.

"I like drivable holes because when I'm hitting my driver well, I feel like I can be pretty aggressive," Hovland said, when asked about the 14th hole.

Kim was quiet on the front-nine, making pars all the way through. He finished in style, carding birdies on the 11th, 14th and 18th holes.

Kim's calm, composed show on Monday underlined his class.

Morikawa made a happy return to the venue where he got engaged last year. He is now a married man. "I got engaged last year, and I've come back a married man, Bahamas is a beautiful location in the beginning of December," Morikawa said.

The scores (top five): 69: Tom Kim, Sepp Straka, Collin Morikawa, Viktor Hovland; **70:** Sam Burns.

(The author is in Nassau on invitation from Hero MotoCorp).

Australia in driving seat

Press Trust of India
PERTH

Fast bowlers Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins grabbed three wickets apiece to dismiss West Indies for 283 and put Australia in the box seat in the opening cricket Test at the Perth Stadium here on Friday.

After deciding not to enforce the follow-on, Australia was 29 for one at stumps on the third day, surging to a 344-run lead. West Indies lost the last six wickets for 48 runs to the second new ball to hand Australia a 315-run first-innings lead.

The scores: Australia 598/4 decl. & 29/1 in 11 overs vs West Indies 283 in 98.2 overs (Kraigg Brathwaite 64, Tagenarine Chanderpaul 51, Jermaine Blackwood 36, Jason Holder 27, Shamarh Brooks 33, Starc 3/51, Cummins 3/34).

Shafique, Imam give Pakistan solid start

ENG IN PAKISTAN

Agence France-Presse
RAWALPINDI

Pakistan's openers got among the runs on a placid pitch on Friday as they took their team to 181 without loss in reply to England's mammoth 657 in the first Test.

At close on day two, Imam-ul-Haq (90) and Abdullah Shafique (89) were approaching hundreds when umpires called stumps with 17 overs remaining. The home team still needs 277 runs to avoid the follow-on. The pitch was again unresponsive to bowlers as the England attack, led by James Anderson, toiled in the same manner as the home side.

Imam and Shafique... two to tango. REUTERS

The scores: England 657 in 101 overs (Zak Crawley 122, Ben Duckett 107, Ollie Pope 108, Harry Brook 153, Ben Stokes 41, Will Jacks 30, Ollie Robinson 37, Naseem Shah 3/140, Zahid Mahmood 4/235) vs Pakistan 181/0 in 51 overs (Abdullah Shafique 89 batting, Imam-ul-Haq 90 batting).

Odisha FC records a hat-trick of wins

ISL-9

Sports Bureau

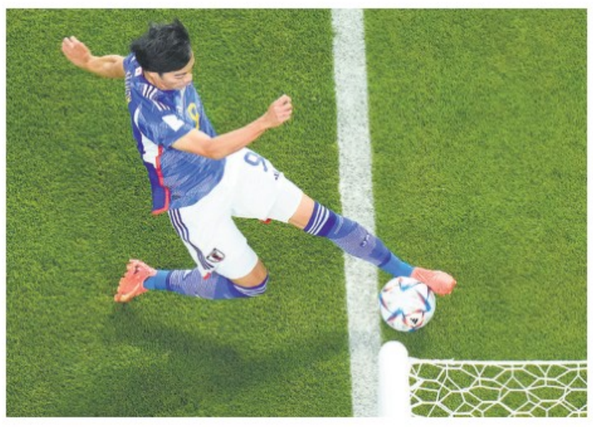
Odisha FC registered its third straight win, defeating NorthEast United FC 2-1, in the Indian Super League (ISL) in Bhubaneswar on Friday.

Nandhakumar Sekar scored his fourth goal of the season to put the Juggernauts in front in the 25th minute before substitute Rochharzela scored with his first touch to make it 1-1 in the 60th minute. Jerry Mawihmingthanga scored Odisha's 99th ISL goal in the 78th minute to lift the Juggernauts to the second spot.

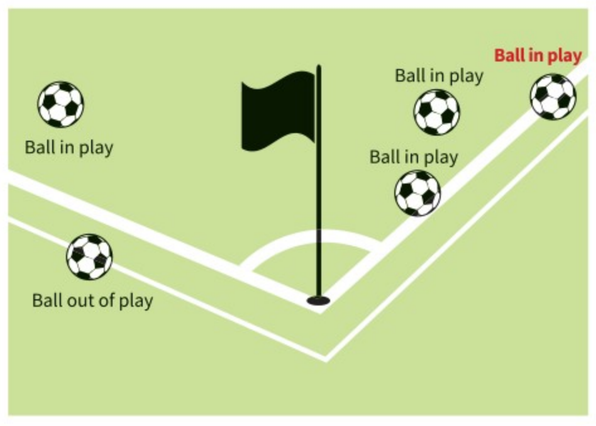
Caught in the moment: Japan's controversial goal explained

NEELADRI BHATTACHARJEE, AP, AFP, REUTERS

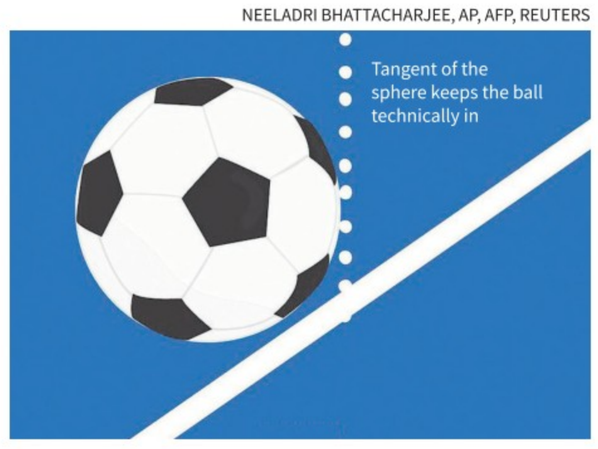
Japan beat Spain 2-1, knocking Germany out of the World Cup on Thursday. The photo captures the moment when Kaoru Mitoma cut the ball back from the byline, helping Ao Tanaka score the second goal. At first, the on-field referee disallowed the goal as it seemingly went out.



A top angle photo of the same incident suggested that a sliver of the ball had not crossed the byline and so it had not gone out of play before Mitoma's touch. A VAR check ruled that the ball had been stopped before it entirely crossed the line and the goal was allowed.



According to the FIFA's laws of the game manual, the ball is out of play when, "it has wholly crossed the touch line whether on the ground or in the air". The highlighted ball in the image above shows a ball which seems to have gone out of play, but still ruled in play, as it has not "wholly crossed".



The graphic explains how the ball's right-angled tangent (with the pitch) was inside the permissible limit, and so a part of the ball was still in-line with the byline. The photo angles bring two perspectives: the side angle shows it was out (incorrect) and the top angle shows it was in (correct).

Spain survives day of high drama; Germany doesn't

Lightning strikes twice as Japan upsets another European powerhouse to top group; *Die Mannschaft* does *La Roja* a favour though it is left floundering on the sidelines for the second edition in a row

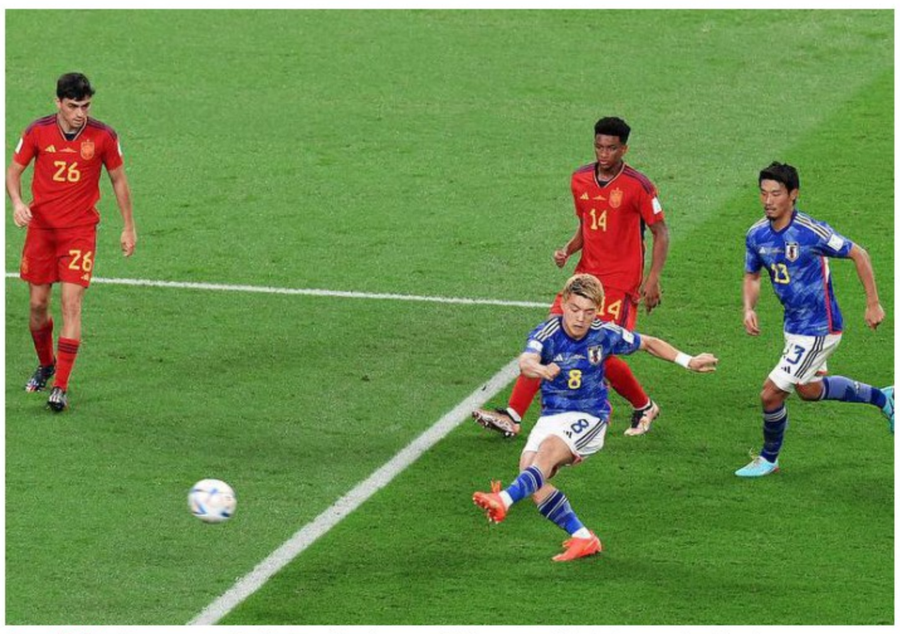
FIFA WORLD CUP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Germany at last sparkled, albeit a little too late, on a rare chilly night in Al Bayt's desert tent. With an eye always on the other game, where Japan was once more messing with Germany's fate.

Two late goals from Kai Havertz and Niclas Fullkrug brought in Deutschland's first win (4-2) of the World Cup but Germany required five more as Spain lost to a controversial Japan goal.

With all four teams still in the contest, the Germans were imperious, and Serge Gnabry redirected a David Raum cross with a glancing header to get the initial advantage. The Costa Ricans were no threat and only Keylor Navas, brave as ever, was keeping it in the game. Spain, too, had scored and Germany was happy in the knowledge of finally booking a last 16 berth.



Good finish: Doan scores the first goal for Japan, which emerged victorious against Spain. REUTERS

But then disaster struck, the giant screens on the sides a momentary distraction as Japan had equalised and Germany wanted another to sneak ahead on goal difference. Minutes later, Japan was winning, and this was getting all over.

Unless Spain did Germany a favour.

But wait, Costa Rica was not over yet. Yeltsin Tejeda opened his international account after Manuel Neuer fumbled a header and emotions were flowing all around.

A child was crying on his father's shoulders and Navas was thanking the lord upstairs, and Costa Rica, despite the 7-0 opening day loss, had made it a four-horse race.

And in 20 second half minutes, Germany was down from two to three and then four as Costa Rica once again scored. Joel Campbell's first header created a melee inside the box and the ball off Ruben Vargas's lifted boot nudged past Neuer and referee Stephanie Frappart was assured by VAR that her call was right.

Spain, too, was now on the edge as Costa Rica was ending its run.

But Germany was there to save the Spaniards but, alas, not itself. A clearance from Bryan Oviedo fell to Fullkrug who flicked it to Havertz.

The Chelsea youngster shuffled the ball from his left feet to right and buried it past Navas.

Germany, however, needed more and Navas twice saved from point-blank range to deny Fullkrug.

But Havertz got the third with five minutes (+10 stoppage time) left in play, stabbing in Gnabry's pass after running past his marker.

Fullkrug's first and Germany's fourth was initially ruled out for offside.

The saviour against Spain was off when Kimmich lofted the first ball to Leroy Sane, but he was not when the latter played it to him in front of the goalkeeper. His finish was powerful as usual.

Germany nonetheless needed Spain to score and even before the final whistle was blown, its destiny was known.

Sections of the crowd cheered for the 2-1 Japanese win and Germany's second early ride home.

For the others, the mood was sombre but there was no shame after this spirited fightback, but Hansi Flick's men had flickered a little too late.

The results:
Group E: Japan 2 (Doan 48, Tanaka 51) bt Spain 1 (Morata 11).
Costa Rica 2 (Tejeda 58, Neuer 70-og) lost to Germany 4 (Gnabry 10, Havertz 73, 85, Fullkrug 89).

How fortunes fluctuated

Group E witnessed one of the most engrossing finishes with all four teams frequently changing positions in the table. A look at the clock and the swing:

- **Kick-off (table position):** Spain, Japan, Costa Rica, Germany
- **10th minute:** Spain, Japan, Germany (Gnabry scores), Costa Rica
- **11th:** Spain (Morata strikes), Germany, Japan, Costa Rica
- **48th:** Spain, Japan (Doan's goal), Germany, Costa Rica
- **51st:** Japan (Tanaka on target), Spain, Germany, Costa Rica
- **58th:** Japan, Spain, Costa Rica (Tejeda nets), Germany
- **70th:** Japan, Costa Rica (Neuer's own goal), Spain, Germany
- **73rd:** Japan, Spain, Costa Rica, Germany (Havertz levels it)
- **85th:** Japan, Spain, Germany (Havertz's second), Costa Rica
- **89th:** Japan, Spain, Germany (Fullkrug's first), Costa Rica

Final Group E Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Japan (Q)	3	2	0	1	1	6
Spain (Q)	3	1	1	1	6	4
Germany	3	1	1	1	1	4
Costa Rica	3	1	0	2	-8	3

Q: QUALIFIED

Sealing it: Hee-chan sends Korea into the knockouts with his injury-time strike. REUTERS

Heartbreak for Uruguay as Korea squeezes through

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

It was a grudge match from 2010 and Ghana had a penalty once more to settle scores. But a penalty was missed this time too and Uruguay won but couldn't get through. Luis Suarez, the villain from 12 years back, was here as well and left Ghana befuddled by his two assists and the mind games he played.

The African side came close in the 16th minute when Jordan Ayew was left with a lot of space. He took his time to move in and his shot was not held comfortably by Sergio Rochet. Both the goalkeeper and Mohammed Kudus went for the rebound and referee Daniel Siebert consulted VAR to confirm a foul and also ensure Andre Ayew was not off-side.

Ghana had its penalty and revenge was ready to be served. But Andre Ayew, perhaps distracted by Uruguay's protests, did a Asamoah Gyan. His penalty was without conviction or power and Rochet saved with a dive to his left.

Uruguay had a goal when Ghana messed up a simple clearance off a long ball. Suarez darted in and though his shot was blocked by Ati-Zizi, Giorgian de Arrascaeta had the simple task of putting the ball in the net.

de Arrascaeta's second was as fancy as his name. He arched his leg like the string of a bow and his arrow clattered the net once the connection was made when Suarez's lofted ball was still hovering above the ground.

Though Uruguay won, Hwang Hee-chan scored in stoppage time to take South Korea through with a 2-1 win over Portugal, and Suarez was left in tears.

The results:
Group H: Ghana 0 lost to Uruguay 2 (de Arrascaeta 26 & 32); South Korea 2 (Young-gwon 27, Hee-chan 90+1) bt Portugal 1 (Horta 5).

Final Group H Standings

	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Portugal (Q)	3	2	0	1	2	6
South Korea (Q)	3	1	1	1	0	4
Uruguay	3	1	1	1	0	4
Ghana	3	1	0	2	-2	3

Q: QUALIFIED

Tired Argentina will try to side-step a banana-skin against Australia

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Argentina's World Cup fortunes have been dramatically resurrected as it overcame the blip against Saudi Arabia to brush aside the Mexican and Polish challenges. With a round-of-16 match against Australia on Saturday looming, Argentine coach Lionel Scaloni wasn't too happy about playing a second match in 48 hours given the emotional passage through a tough group.

"I think it's crazy we are playing in just over two days as winners of this group. It's 1 a.m. [Thursday] and tomorrow [Friday] we have to prepare. The conditions are not great, but we all have to play it," said Scaloni, expressing his displeasure about the schedule moments after the Poland game.

The Aussies, too, were complaining but manager Graham Arnold was confident of doing better than the golden generation (2006) which lost in the pre-quarterfinal to eventual champion Italy.

"Of course, we are going to win against Argentina. I coached the Olympics team last year and we beat Argentina 2-0. It's a yellow shirt against blue and white, it's 11 vs 11 and not Messi against Australia," Arnold said.

But the job will be easier said than done. Lionel Messi and his men have played as one, an electrifying bolt of blue that gave Mexico and Poland no chance. For Saturday's fixture, however, Angel di Maria is doubtful after suffering a muscle overload on his left foot. "After training we will decide on the team depending on the fitness of Angel and other players. If he's okay, he will play," revealed Scaloni at the pre-match press conference.

But Scaloni has a plethora of capable players who have emerged from the depths of his squad. Forward Paolo Dybala, quite accomplished in his role on the left, is yet to be unleashed.

Messi remains the heartbeat, the opposition players often awed by the aura he brings to the pitch. A tad slower than when he was 25, the Argentine has shown that football is not just about work-rate and industry, but also about how a player can influence command over the ball.

He has fans even in the Australian team – Columbus Crew defender Milos Degenek has admitted to being one – but can the Socceroos outshine the Argentine star?

"We have watched many videos of Australia and it will be a game similar to Poland... we will have the ball, but they will have fast players from the flanks and it will be difficult for the midfielders and defenders," Rodrigo De Paul told the media. Coach Scaloni said: "Gracias to the countries that support us."

Argentina will hope Australia doesn't end magician Messi's show.

The round of 16 kicks off

NETHERLANDS VS. USA (8.30 P.M. IST)

Netherlands 4 — USA 1
Goals: Netherlands 10 | USA 5

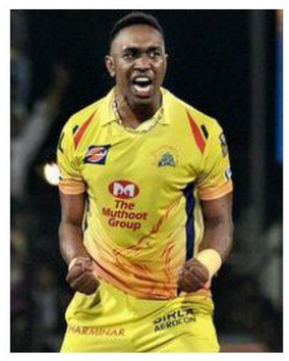
Previous results (all friendlies)

February 18, 2004: Netherlands 1-0 USA
February 21, 1998: USA 0-2 Netherlands
March 3, 2010: Netherlands 2-1 USA
May 19, 2002: USA 0-2 Netherlands
June 5, 2015: Netherlands 3-4 USA

ARGENTINA VS. AUSTRALIA (12.30 A.M., SUNDAY)

Argentina 5 — Drawn 1 — Australia 1
Goals: Argentina 12 | Australia 7

July 14, 1988: Australia 4-1 Argentina (Bicentennial GC)
June 18, 1992: Argentina 2-0 Australia (friendly)
Oct. 31, 1993: Australia 1-1 Argentina (WC qualifying playoff)
Nov. 17, 1993: Argentina 1-0 Australia (WC qualifying playoff)
June 30, 1995: Argentina 2-0 Australia (friendly)
June 18, 2005: Australia 2-4 Argentina (Confed Cup)
Sept. 11, 2007: Australia 0-1 Argentina (friendly)



Bravo. FILE PHOTO

Bravo retires from IPL, named CSK's bowling coach

Sports Bureau

Chennai Super Kings has appointed Dwayne Bravo as the team's bowling coach ahead of the 2023 IPL season. Bravo has called time on his playing days in the IPL, having played the tournament since its inception in 2008 and is the highest wicket-taker so far.

L. Balaji, who was the bowling coach, is taking a break for one year due to personal commitments, but the team said he will be available for the Super Kings Academy.

"I'm looking forward to this new journey because it's something I see myself doing after my playing days are fully over. I enjoy working with bowlers and it's a role I'm excited about," Bravo said in a statement.

The West Indies all-rounder has 183 wickets from 161 matches and also scored 1560 runs at a strike rate of around 130, playing key parts in many victories for Super Kings.

INBRIEF

Bangladesh names Litton as captain for ODIs against India

Bangladesh on Friday named Litton Das as captain for the ODI series against India starting this weekend, replacing the injured Tamim Iqbal. Regular captain Tamim was ruled out of the ODI series after a groin injury on Wednesday.

The squad: Litton Das (Capt.), Anamul Haque, Shakib Al Hasan, Mushfiqur Rahim, Afif Hossain, Yasir Ali, Mehidy Hasan, Mustafizur Rahman, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Ebadot Hossain, Nasum Ahmed, Mahmudullah, Najmul Hossain, Nurul Hasan and Shoriful Islam.

Ponting suffers health scare during commentary

Former Australia skipper Ricky Ponting was rushed to hospital after he felt unwell in Perth during his commentary duties in the first Test against the West Indies on Friday. He was taken to hospital during the lunch time as a precautionary measure to check on his heart.

Pardeep in top form as Yoddhas ease past U Mumba

Pardeep Narwal was on fire as UP Yoddhas produced a superb show, defeating U Mumba 38-28, in the Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad on Friday. Pardeep was the star of the night for Yoddhas with 13 points. Gujarat Giants dented Patna Pirates' chances of making the playoffs with a 40-34 win in the second match.

Prasaditya Karnataka-1000 Rally flagged off in Tumakuru

The Prasaditya 46th Karnataka-1000 rally, the third round of the Blueband FMSCI Indian National Rally Championship, was flagged off in Tumakuru on Friday by former Minister S. Shivanna. The event will be run on Saturday and Sunday. Following a reconnaissance run of the Special Stages on Friday, most of the competitors expressed happiness at the terrain which was described as fast, flowing and technical.

I-League: Aizawl holds Churchill to a 1-1 draw

Churchill Brothers and Aizawl FC played out a 1-1 draw in a fifth-round I-League match in Vasco on Friday. An early first-half goal by Churchill Brothers debutant Kamo Stephane Bayi was cancelled out by Henry Kisekka's header in the second half. Churchill stays at 11th place with two points, while Aizawl moves up to eighth.

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 4, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.50 a.m.

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 a.m.

Pakistan vs England: 1st Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 a.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 p.m.

IRL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m.

ISL: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.

FIFA World Cup 2022: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday).

Golf: Hero World Challenge, Eurosport (SD & HD), 11 p.m. onwards.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Murali's goal makes the difference

Murali Joseph's 72nd minute winner helped Young Challengers FC edge ADE FC 1-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Friday.

Other results: Kodagu FC 2 (Trshering Lepcha 18, Ashish Chettry 73) bt Bangalore Independents FC 0; FC Deccan 1 (Sandeep Manoharan 36) drew with FC Agniputra 1 (Badusha Saleem 28).

Brace by Bharath

Bharath scored a brace as Bellary HC beat Aristocrat HC 2-1 in the KSHA B-division hockey league on Friday.

The result: Bellary HC 2 (Bharath 23, 33) bt Aristocrat HC 1 (Rineeth Cariappa 36).

Saurashtra asserts its supremacy

Unadkat's men ride on Jani's hat-trick and Jackson's unbeaten century to regain trophy; Ruturaj's third consecutive hundred goes in vain for Maharashtra as the side loses the plot towards the end of its innings to finish with a sub-par total

HAZARE TROPHY

Amol Karhadkar
AHMEDABAD

Ruturaj Gaikwad continued his run-feast with a third consecutive hundred. However, Chirag Jani and Sheldon Jackson staged a Bhavnagar bash on Friday to help Saurashtra regain the Vijay Hazare Trophy after 15 years. Jani's hat-trick (3/43) – Saurashtra's first in the domestic one-day competition – meant Maharashtra's march was halted at 248 for nine.

Sheldon Jackson (133 n.o., 136b, 12x4, 5x6) then notched up an unbeaten hundred as Saurashtra lifted the coveted trophy.

Great day: The Saurashtra team is delighted after winning the Vijay Hazare Trophy. M. VEDHAN

Jackson finished the game with a leg-glance off Manoj Ingale for a four in the 47th over.

The game, though, was set up in the latter half of Maharashtra's innings. Jani's direct hit from mid-on meant opener Pawan Shah had to return to the dressing room after Maharashtra was forced to bat in seam-friendly conditions at the Narendra Modi Stadium.

It forced Ruturaj and Satyajeet Bachhav to virtually go into a shell against an accurate pace quartet. At the 30-over mark, Maharashtra had trundled to 102 for two, with Ruturaj on 47.

The next 10 overs saw the Maharashtra captain going bonkers, scoring 56 off the 79 runs Maharashtra added.

Just when Azim Kazi was also coming into his element, the left-hander called Ruturaj back for a second run and Prerak Mankad's throw was spot-on for Unadkat to dislodge the bails and find Ruturaj short of his crease.

In the penultimate over, Jani started with a yorker that wicketkeeper Saurabh Nawale had no answer to, having exposed his stumps. Next up, another yorker and big-hitter Rajvardhan Hangargekar was plumb in front. Rookie Vicky Ostwal then missed a straight and full delivery to hand the hat-trick.

Sheldon and Harvik Desai's 125-run partnership nearly shut the door on the men in yellow. Jackson made the Maharashtra bowlers – except left-arm spinner Ostwal who didn't concede a boundary in his 10 overs – dancing to his tune, and the Saurashtra continued to dance all through the evening.

The scores: Maharashtra 248/9 in 50 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 108, Naushad Shaikh 31 n.o., Chirag Jani 3/43) lost to Saurashtra 249/5 in 46.3 overs (Shedon Jackson 133 n.o., Harvik Desai 50, Chirag Jani 30 n.o.).

Saurabh shines, but match ends in draw

Press Trust of India
COX'S BAZAR

Left-arm spinner Saurabh Kumar finished with a match-haul of nine wickets as the Bangladesh-A tail wagged and prevented India-A from winning the first 'Test' on Friday.

Having conceded a first innings lead of 353, Bangladesh-A was 343 for nine at close after battling for 151 overs in the second innings when the match ended in a draw.

Saurabh, who had taken four wickets in the first innings, returned with figures of five for 63 in 43 overs. However, off-spinner Jayant Yadav's lack of penetration (one for 134 in 47 overs) proved costly for the visitors. Saurabh's match figures read: 51-21-86-9.

Zakir Hasan (173, 402b) was the chief architect of Bangladesh's draw as he batted for close to 10 and half hours before being the eighth batter dismissed.

The crucial association that saved the day for Bangladesh-A was the eighth-wicket stand of 13 between Zakir and Nayeem Hasan who thwarted India-A for 15.4 overs.

Tamil Nadu men overcome Telangana

BASKETBALL

Sports Bureau

Tamil Nadu beat Telangana 73-52 in the quarterfinals of the 72nd National basketball championship in Udaipur on Friday.

The results (quarters): Men: Punjab 107 (Gurbaz Singh 25, Amritpal Singh 19, Amjot Singh 17, Tejinder Singh 16) bt Delhi 71 (Manik Ohlyan 22, Prince Tyagi 12, Jai Prakash 10, Amit 10).

Tamil Nadu 73 (B Soorya 18, Lokeshwaran 16, Jeevanathan 12) bt Telangana 52 (Vinay Kothari 15, Gowtham 13, Prathik 12, Nathan Abraham 11).

Railways 98 (Sahil 32, Thushal Singh 27) bt Services 84 (Mandeep Singh 21, Gaurav Chandel 17, Ajai Singh 16, Nikhil Kumar 11).

Women: Railways 85 (Dharshini 16, Sruthi Aravind 12, Madhu Kumari 12, Poonam Chaturvedi 10) bt Uttar Pradesh 29.

Kerala 81 (P.S. Jeena 20, V Jayalakshmi 11, Susan Florantina 10) bt West Bengal 57 (Kiran Yadav 13, Anjana Ekka 11).

Delhi 60 (Raspreet Sidhu 43, Kritika Dinkar 11) bt Tamil Nadu 49 (Rajeshwari 15, Shobhana 15).

Karnataka 74 (Roshni John 23, Lopamudra 13) bt Maharashtra 62 (Suzanne Pinto 19, Durga Dharmadhikari 14, Siya Deodhar 12).

BFC will look for a complete performance

Strike force: BFC needs Krishna to come good. FOCUS SPORTS/ ISL

ISL-9

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Bengaluru FC may not be in the best of health when it returns to its home environs for the game against ATK Mohun Bagan on Saturday, but there is sure to be a spring in its step when it walks onto the pitch at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium.

A week ago, Simon Grayson's side arrested a four-match losing run with a 2-0 win away at FC Goa. It was only its second victory this ISL season (from seven outings) and the first since the opening day success against NorthEast United FC nearly two months ago.

The Durand Cup triumph notwithstanding, this campaign has been Grayson's baptism by fire. In a league that appears tougher than ever, his players haven't quite kept pace. It hasn't helped that his lead striker Roy Krishna has found the net just once and the usually vibrant Sunil Chhetri has looked off-colour, even relegated to the bench for the past two games.

Goals have instead come from midfielder Javi Hernandez (two out of the four the team has scored), whose primary role is to supply those in front of him. Against Juan Ferrando's ATK MB, which is fresh off a 1-0 win over the then league-leading Hyderabad FC, BFC will need a complete performance.

That ATK MB will miss midfield lynchpin Joni Kauko because of an injury will be a bonus. But in attackers like Liston Colaco, Hugo Boumous and Ashique Kuruniyan, the side has match-turners.

Kuruniyan may well be eager to show his real worth after his time at BFC was largely spent playing as a defender. But the Bengaluru faithful will hope that it will be one of their own, like forward Krishna, who will leave their former employers mesmerised and light up the evening sky.

It's time for blitz and Nihal Sarin cannot wait to get going again

TATA STEEL CHESS

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOLKATA

There was this moment at the National Library on Thursday evening when just about everyone at the press conference laughed aloud.

Viswanathan Anand, who has effortlessly stepped into his role of a commentator-cum-journalist, said he had one question for all the players: "How do you look forward to the blitz event (of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament)?"

After Arjun Erigaisi gave his answer, Anand, who is also the tournament ambassador, turned to Nihal Sarin and said, "Well, you don't have to answer that."

That brought the house down.

Nihal, who had just won the rapid section of the tournament, relishes the blitz format. And he is mighty good at it.

The 18-year-old indeed starts as one of the favourites in the blitz tournament, which opens on Saturday. But he will find plenty of tough competition over the next couple of days in what is a very strong field.

Top seed Hikaru Nakamura, fellow-American Wesley So and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan are big stars in international chess and there is of course a formidable Indian contingent as well.

R. Praggnanandhaa's arrival – he replaces S.P. Sethuraman – makes the much-admired teenaged Indian quartet complete. (Nihal, Arjun and D. Gukesh are the others).

The women's event should also produce some exciting action. Anna Ushenina (Ukraine) and Nana Dzagnidze (Georgia), the champion and the runner-up at the rapid event, are the in-form players.

D. Harika finished third in the rapid event and brought some cheer for India. K. Humpy had looked solid for much of the tournament before faltering on the final day. She must be hoping to put that behind her. Bhakti Kulkarni has replaced Vantika Agrawal.

Tranquilo wins Jayanth Shah Memorial Trophy

RACING

BENGALURU: Arjun Mangalorkar-trained Tranquilo (Antony Raj up) won the Jayanth Shah Memorial Trophy, the main event of the races held here on Friday (Dec. 2).

The winner is owned by Mr. Rajan Aggawal, Mr. Gautam Aggarwal, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP & Mr. Haider Soomar.

1. INAUGURATION PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 5-y-o & over: **RIGHTLY NOBLE** (Trevor) 1, Activated (Vivek) 2, Cash Out (Antony) 3 and Elite Agent (Tauseef) 4. 1-3/4, 3-3/4 and Nk. 1m 14.26s. ₹30 (w), 15, 14 and 17 (p), SHP: 36, THP: 41, FP: 93, Q: 59, Trinella: 253 and 132, Exacta: 4,105 and 1,524. Favourite: Rightly Noble.

Owners: Mr. Tatineni Prasad Rao, Mr. R. Shiva Shankar & Mr. M. Satyanarayana. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

2. MAN'O'WAR PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **SIEGE COURAGEOUS** (Srinath) 1, My Solitaire (S. Shareef) 2, Contador (Antony) 3 and Ooh La La (P. Mani) 4. 5-1/4, 1-3/4 and Nose. 1m 12.88s. ₹12 (w), 12, 13 and 12 (p), SHP: 26, THP: 29, FP: 31, Q: 41, Trinella: 73 and 28, Exacta: 627 and 421. Favourite: Siege Courageous.

Owners: Mr. Dean Stephens & Mukteshwar Racing LLP. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

3. ALMATTI PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: ENGLISH BAY (Srinath) 1, Czarevitch (Darshan) 2, Mace (Vivek) 3 and Sling Shot (Salman K) 4. 2, 4-3/4 and Nose. 1m 12.84s. ₹16 (w), 11, 14 and 43 (p), SHP: 30, THP: 119, FP: 27, Q: 27, Trinella: 441 and 337, Exacta: 2,255 and 607. Favourite: English Bay.

Owner: Mr. M. Venkatesh. Trainer: S. Dominic.

4. ALTENBURG PLATE (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **TRIPLE WISH** (S. Shareef) 1, Stormy Ocean (Trevor) 2, Aldgate (Antony) 3 and Ripple N Storm (Ashok K) 4. 8-1/2, 1/2 and 2-3/4. 1m 36.94s. ₹70 (w), 19, 13 and 14 (p), SHP: 37, THP: 43, FP: 251, Q: 95, Trinella: 918 and 532, Exacta: 9,578 and 8,210. Favourite: Stormy Ocean.

Owner: Dr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

5. JAYANTH SHAH MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65: TRANQUILO (Antony) 1, Rapidus (Likith Appu) 2, Last Wish (Trevor) 3 and Shubankar (Srinath) 4. Shd, 1 and 2. 1m 25.22s. ₹32 (w), 12, 21 and 10 (p), SHP: 43, THP: 52, FP: 321, Q: 145, Trinella: 308 and 122, Exacta: 868 and 524. Favourite: Last Wish.

Owners: Mr. Rajan Aggawal, Mr. Gautam Aggarwal, M/s. Arun Alagappan Racing LLP & Mr. Haider Soomar. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

6. MAN'O'WAR PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): TRIPITAKA (B.L. Paswan) 1, Alcides Synergy (Trevor) 2, Archway (Antony) 3 and Blues Ballad (Srinath) 4. Not run: Super Veloce. 1-1/2, 3 and 2-1/4. 1m 13.67s. ₹43 (w), 14, 17 and 13 (p), SHP: 47, THP: 46, FP: 309, Q: 82, Trinella: 785 and 314, Exacta: 953 and 401. Favourite: Blues Ballad.

Owners: Mrs. Mahima Shailesh, Sans Craintes Stud Farm [p] Ltd & Dr. Dayananda Pai P. Trainer: Irfan Ghatala.

7. ALMATTI PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45: SHAMROCK (Suraj) 1, Sheer Bliss (Adarsh) 2, Urban Borbon (Antony) 3 and Star Admiral (Darshan) 4. Not run: Montelena. 5, 2-3/4 and 1. 1m 12.89s. ₹12 (w), 12, 36 and 14 (p), SHP: 89, THP: 34, FP: 141, Q: 158, Trinella: 354 and 160, Exacta: 1,018 and 466. Favourite: Shamrock.

Owners: Mr. M. Ravi, Mr. Daulat Chhabria, Mr. K. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. R. Chellam. Trainer: S. Narredu.

Jackpot: ₹ 3,331 (17 tkts).

Runner up: 1,155 (21 tkts).

Treble (i): 345 (22 tkts); (ii): 210 (62 tkts).

Kensington Court expected to score

BENGALURU: Kensington Court, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Madras Race Club Cup (1,200m), the feature event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Dec 3).

False rails (width about 4m from 1,600 to the winning post) will be in position.

1 GODAVARI PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 1-45 pm: 1. Art Power (10) R. Manjunath 62.5, 2. Rule Of Law (6) Md. Aliyar 61.5, 3. Frederico (5) Likith Appu 60.5, 4. Benignity (7) P. Ramesh 60, 5. Memorable Time (9) P. Siddaraju 59, 6. Phoenix Surprise (12) R. Pradeep 58.5, 7. Chandra Kanta (11) M. Chandrashekar 58, 8. Mega Success (8) Jagadeesh 58, 9. Red Lucifer (1) L.A. Rozario 58, 10. Areca Angel (4) Rajesh K 57.5, 11. Max Mueller (3) P.P. Dhebe 55.5, 12. Regal Force (2) Arshad 53.

1. MEMORABLE TIME, 2. FREDERICO, 3. REGAL FORCE

2 UDUPI PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 2-15: 1. Dr Logan (7) B.L. Paswan 60, 2. Flying Quest (1) Likith Appu 60, 3. Domina (4) Vinod Shinde 59, 4. Altair (10) Sai Kiran 57, 5. Debonair (12) Md. Aliyar 57, 6. Anne Boleyn (3) Tousif 56, 7. Mr Humble (8) Jagadeesh 55.5, 8. Princess Jasmine (6) P.P. Dhebe 54.5, 9. Altamonte (5) Nazerul 53.5, 10. Gunmaster (11) R. Pradeep 53.5, 11. Jokshan (9) Rayan 53.5 and 12. Artiana (2) Salman K 51.

1. FLYING QUEST, 2. MR HUMBLE, 3. DOMINA

3 BEGINNERS PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 2-45: 1. Blackstone (4) Syed Imran 56, 2. Double Scotch (5) Neeraj 56, 3. Knotty Challenger (1) S. Shareef 56, 4. Knotty Charmer (7) Nazerul 56, 5. Saigon (3) Darshan 56, 6. Tigerking (6) Md. Aliyar 56 and 7. Anzac Pipernal (2) Trevor 54.5.

1. ANZAC PIPERNAL, 2. SAIGON

4 WORLD CONSERVATION DAY PLATE (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 3-15: 1. Nikolina (11) A. Qureshi 60, 2. Southern Force (10) Rayan 60, 3. Remontoir (6) Salman K 58, 4. Eco Friendly (9) Sai Kiran 57, 5. The Omega Man (7) Naveen K 56.5, 6. Balor (3) R. Ajinkya 56, 7. Listen To Me (8) Neeraj 56, 8. Silver Canyon (5) Trevor 54.5, 9. Solid Power (2) Jagadeesh 54.5, 10. Rorito (4) Tousif 52.5 and 11. Princess Aura (1) P. Surya 51.

1. BALOR, 2. NIKOLINA, 3. SILVER CANYON

5 ALYDAR PLATE (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-45: 1. Moon's Blessing (4) Likith Appu 62.5, 2. Memoriter (3) P. Surya 61, 3. Etosha (2) Zervan 58, 4. Only You (1) Md. Akram 56, 5. Southern Power (9) Rayan 56, 6. Scribbling Hopper (7) Nazerul 55, 7. Southern Dynasty (6) Darshan 55, 8. Millbrook (8) Vinod Shinde 53.5 and 9. Peluche (5) Arshad 53.5.

1. MOON'S BLESSING, 2. ETOSHA, 3. MILLBROOK

6 MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 4-15: 1. Knight In Hooves (6) M. Naveen 62.5, 2. Unyielding (1) R. Ajinkya 56, 3. Aztec Queen (5) B.L. Paswan 55.5, 4. De Villiers (4) Shreyas S 55, 5. Silver Ikon (9) P. Siddaraju 55, 6. Kensington Court (3) Trevor 54.5, 7. Watchmystars (8) L.A. Rozario 54.5, 8. Star Glory (7) Vinod Shinde 53.5, 9. Colonel Harty (2) Rajesh K 50.

1. KENSINGTON COURT, 2. KNIGHT IN HOOVES, 3. DE VILLIERS

7 WORLD CONSERVATION DAY PLATE (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-45: 1. Twilight Tornado (2) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 2. Aguila (4) Darshan 60, 3. Harmonia (1) Md Aliyar 60, 4. Kings Speech (5) Indrajeet S 60, 5. Konabos (10) R. Ajinkya 60, 6. Pinnacle Point (7) Trevor 59, 7. Golden Time (3) Adarsh 57.5, 8. Ozark (8) Salman K 57.5, 9. Galloping Ahead (6) Neeraj 55 and 10. Maybach (9) Rayan 55.

1. AGUILA, 2. TWILIGHT TORNADO, 2. KONABOS

8 UDUPI PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 5-15: 1. Cool Rider (8) Likith Appu 62.5, 2. Winmylove (10) P. Siddaraju 62, 3. Starry Wind (5) Md. Akram 61.5, 4. Three Aces (11) Jagadeesh 61.5, 5. Measure Of Time (4) Tousif 61, 6. Clever Hans (2) L.A. Rozario 60.5, 7. Aceros (3) Adarsh 60, 8. Chul Bul Rani (1) Syed Imran 60, 9. Baltimore (9) Vinod Shinde 59, 10. Classic Charm (7) Darshan 59 and 11. Stunning Beauty (6) Naveen K 55.5.

1. COOL RIDER, 2. WINMYLOVE, 3. CLEVER HANS

Day's best: **MOON'S BLESSING**

Double: **BALOR-KENSINGTON COURT**

Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Treble (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.